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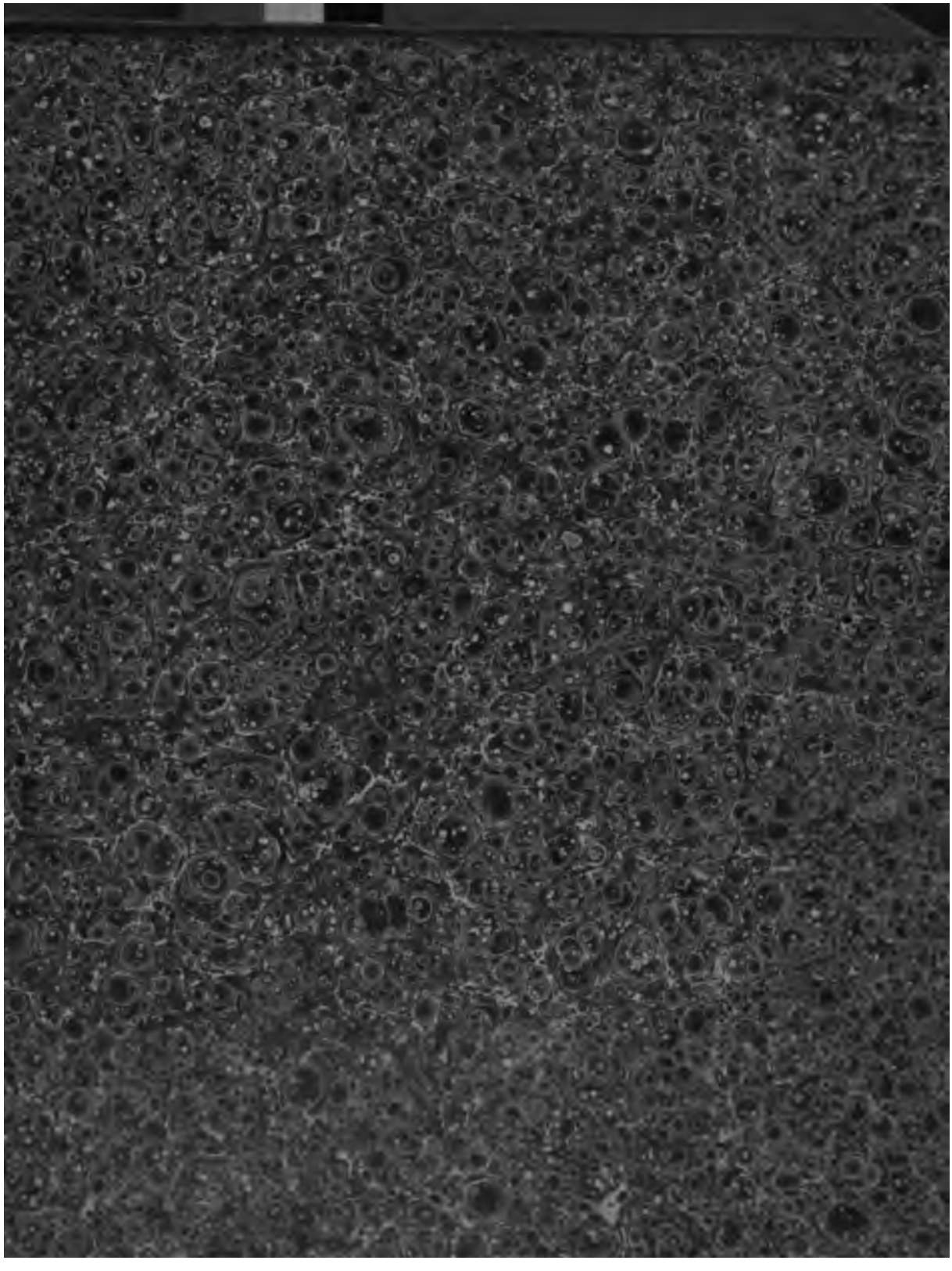

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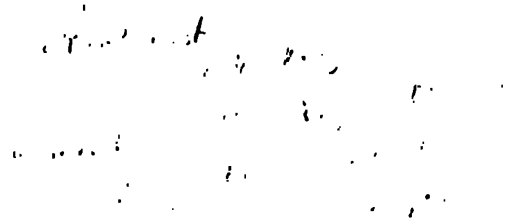

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TO JAMES MANSALL, P. G. M.

Most worthy and respected Sire,

THE following Minutes of the Committees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the District of Manchester, I lay before you. They will, no doubt, in many instances, bring to mind the struggles you have had, as head of the Order, to establish a general and enlightened system. If they contribute to the instruction of the Officers of the Order, the end for which they are intended will be fully answered. No one ever shone higher in Odd Fellowship than yourself. What force of argument could not always effect, your conciliating manners have generally accomplished. Indeed you are justly considered as the great Improver of Odd Fellowship; and no doubt the Order had long been in need of such a Renovator. Under your auspices Odd Fellowship has emerged as from under a cloud, and is become one of the most numerous, respectable, and best regulated Institutions in this part of the country. What pleasure a breast like yours must feel, to know, that you have done all the good you could to your fellow-creatures, and that you have been the cause of many profligates becoming valuable members of society, by impressing the moral precepts of the Order, and encouraging social virtue! Your name, Sir, will remain as a landmark and beacon to the Order, and the wise and the good will ever revere your Christian-like and unbiassed virtues.

That you may long live in health and happiness, continue to enjoy the luxury of doing good, and see your beloved Order become what I know you wish it to be, is the sincere wish of,

Revered Sire,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,

ISAAC HARDMAN.

Bridge-street, Manchester, Feb. 1823.

"One Precedent creates another---they accumulate and constitute Law."

To the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

For nearly two years it has been the wish and intention of the Elective Officers of the Order in general, to print the Minutes of the Manchester Committees, from January 1814; at which time, it appears, the various lodges first began to form general committees of all lodges in the Manchester district, for the purpose of affording each other mutual support, protection and advice, and to consider the propriety of passing general laws, for the better management of the Order, and providing against future contentions and difficulties, caused by the general printed laws not embracing every particular point. It has been usual for each lodge interested, to send two present or past officers, with a secretary, to take down the minutes, and many lodges before whom these minutes may come in their present shape, may not have theirs exactly worded as these are, though the general sentiments may be taken to be alike. Some secretaries, too, have mistaken a proposition for a resolution, and not having attended to the alteration or amendment of any proposition, has inserted more resolutions than another has done.

A striking instance of this occurred in the first committee I attended, with a noble and a p. g., as secretary of the Cumberland lodge. I paid what attention I could to the resolutions, and worded them as passed, to the best of my ability. When four resolutions had passed, an idea struck me, that I might be wrong, and I would compare my minutes with those of more experienced secretaries. The first secretary's minutes I looked at, had fourteen! I then compared with others, and found they generally had seven, eight, nine, or ten resolutions,

although I had only four. I thought I must have been asleep, and appealed to p. g. Leach, of Rochdale, then unknown to me, who, on examining my paper, told me I was correct.

Another instance occured at the first quarterly committee after my appointment as cor. sec. The Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, made a claim on the district, of one pound, under the following circumstances: Having had a dispute with their host, and leaving the house, he kept their regalia, which caused them to apply to various lodges for advice and assistance. The Manchester lodges voted them four pounds, of which they gave them three pounds. The late host, finding he was likely to be involved in difficulties, if he withheld the regalia, from the support offered to the lodge by the Manchester district, and its connections, gave them up without much trouble. After this, the Briton's Pride applied for the pound to the committee, which was thought an unreasonable request, inasmuch as they had recovered their regalia, at little expence, and that the sum of three pounds, already given, was sufficient. The secretary, or some one from the Briton's Pride, in stating the resolution, took down as a minute, that they were expelled for their application. As was natural, the lodge, having confidence in the person they had deputed to take the minutes, were astonished at being expelled, for a mere application. Several letters and messages were sent; I wrote no less than seven or eight copies of the minute, which ran thus---That the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, have no further reasonable claim on the Manchester district, on account of the loss of their regalia. Many of the members believing their own secretary had taken the minute right, complained of injustice, and it was a long time before they could be persuaded they were misinformed. Circumstances like these, necessarily led to the printing of the minutes, that, in future, all might be alike, and such unpleasant occurences prevented.

This work cannot be expected, from the very nature of things, to be so correct and consistent as might be desired; perhaps one resolusion may be heaped on another, to the same effect or meaning, owing to the officers in attendance not at the time knowing that a resolution to the same effect had been previously carried. The instruction and information, nevertheless, which they contain, must pave the way for future amendment and melioration. Hence they will be found particularly useful to past and present officers, who may be inclined to look into any deficiency of our laws, regulations, &c. and to submit alterations thereon. Communications on this subject will be thankfully received, and submitted to the quarterly committee, for their approval, or to the annual committee, that they may become law, if ultimately agreed upon.

Finally, Brethren, in laying these unsophisticated Memoranda before you, my only aim is to consolidate the interests and well-being of our beloved Order.

In the following pages will be found a series of simple though instructive proceedings. The contemplative mind will readily perceive the slow but gradual and sure improvements which mark the progress of almost every subsequent committee, from the comparatively infant state of the Order, up to the present moment---improvements, unparalleled, perhaps, in any similar institution in Europe. To myself, I assure you, Brethren, this rapid advance towards perfection is a proud source of gratulation---and I hope I may see the day when the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS will be universally hailed as an ornament and as a blessing to our native land.

The proceedings, Brethren, are submitted to you in nearly the

same state in which I found them. Few and trivial have been the alterations in the mere construction of a few sentences. The sense and meaning of the resolutions have been strictly and invariably adhered to. They are now before you---and may HE, in whose hands is the keeping of all hearts, render them conducive to our harmony, our happiness, our peace and our prosperity.

ISAAC HARDMAN.

Bridge-street, Jan. 1823.

MINUTES.

Proceedings of a Grand Committee, held at Treasurer Chamley's, the 21st of January, 1814.

RESOLVED:

I. THAT every brother provide himself with an apron at his own expense.

II. That each member shall subscribe one shilling towards purchasing funeral regalia.

III. The subscriptions to be paid by the brothers of each lodge on or before the first Sunday in March next.

IV. That p. g. Wild see the regalia, &c. executed.

V. That a grand master for this district be elected out of past grands. The election to be at the grand lodge the 31st of January next.

VI. The grand master so elected so sit six months, and to visit each lodge in succession.

VII. Lodges to close precisely at eleven o'clock, except business of importance may occur.

VIII. Every brother summoned to attend a funeral, for not attending to be fined, except in case of sickness, or a sufficient apology be made.

IX. Every secretary to be provided with a book, containing the names, age, occupation and abode of every brother.

The above resolutions were unanimously agreed to by the members comprising this committee.

P. G. Wild in the chair, 31st January, 1814; an election for a grand master of this district took place, this evening, at the Abercrombie grand lodge, agreeably to an order of the committee of 21st January, 1814, when past grand J. Christie was declared duly elected.

Grand committee, held at T. Chamley's, the 4th February, 1814; I. A dispute having arisen between the officers and treasurer Leadsom, of the Wellington lodge; the committee having examined the witnesses of both parties, after investigation of the matter, found treasurer Leadsom guilty of neglect of duty as treasurer; for such neglect to be fined 5s. to be paid to the funeral fund.

II. That the Wellington lodge, No. 2, meet on Monday evening as usual.

III. The Victory lodge, No. 4, to meet any evening they think proper, except Monday evening.

IV. Application having been made for the opening of a seventh lodge in the Independent order, it may be opened if sufficient brothers think proper.

V. That the book of articles of all the lodges be the same.

VI. That a copy of the funeral procession, agreed upon the 21st January, 1814, to be put in force, to be printed, and a copy of the same delivered to each lodge of this district. Grand master J. Christie, president.

Committee of Grand Master, Past Grand Officers, and Brothers, held at Brother Brookes's, Feb. 20, 1814.

Resolved—I. It was unanimously agreed, that a 7th lodge be opened for the good of the order in this district, at brother Brookes', in Camp-street, Deansgate, Manchester, at the sign of the Cross Keys, to be called the Cumberland Lodge.

II. It was unanimously agreed, that the maces be got as soon as possible, carved in wood and gilt, according to the pattern of the order. Grand master J. Christie, president.

Committee of Grand Master, Past Grands, Noble Grands, Vice Grands, and Secretaries of different Lodges, March, 1814.

Resolved I.—It was unanimously agreed, that the noble grand see

that every brother be provided with an apron, to form the funeral procession immediately.

II. That the noble grands of each lodge see that every officer be perfect in his duty in delivering the charges.

III. That there be cards got in all the lodges, with the title, lodge night, and anniversary of all lodges in the district.

IV. That the charges, formalities, and bye-laws, be the same in every lodge.

V. That a past grand be appointed a noble grand in the grand lodge.

VI. That a committee of all the officers meet once a month, at the grand lodge, to settle business of all the lodges.

VII. That there be a book in each lodge of the formalities of the order.

VIII. That the noble grands of each lodge see the secretaries' books settled immediately after leaving the chair.

IX. Every officer accepting an office is expected to do his duty, and fulfil his office according to the order.

X. All reliefs, casualties, appeals, &c. to be made to the grand lodge; the sum of the expense to be equally divided, and paid once a quarter to the grand lodge.

XI. That every brother have a certificate from his own lodge to clear his accounts, and to get his card renewed once a quarter, if on travel.

XII. Noble grand Mills' affair not settled until the next monthly meeting.

XIII. Past grand Tasker censured for his deficiency as treasurer of the Wellington lodge, and brought to a compromise. Grand master J. Christie, president.

Committee held at Treasurer Atkinson's, the Hope and Anchor, Chapel-street, Salford, May 13, 1814.

Resolved---I. That p. g. Mills be fined 6d. and censured by the committee for attending the committee intoxicated.

II. That p. g. Wilde be admonished for his abusive language to g. m. Christie, and fined 6d., and that g. m. Christie be requested to use milder language in the lodge.

III. That the obeisance be omitted, except on entering and leaving the room first and last time of the evening.

IV. That the 9th lodge be opened at Staley Bridge.

V. That four wands be got in every lodge immediately.

VI. That there be a quarterly committee of the officers of every

lodge in the district, at the grand lodge; and that the secretary of the grand lodge do send, in proper time, summonses to the n. g. of each lodge, that they may have sufficient time to acquaint their respective officers by summonses. G. m. Christie, president.

Committee of Grand Master, Past Grands, Officers and Brothers, held at treasurer Eaton's, King's Arms, Deansgate, June 10, 1814.

Resolved---I. That a letter be sent to J. Lloyd, Esq. conductor of the procession at Stockport, on Wednesday, June 15, 1814, stating the origin of the order of odd fellows, for his information with regard to fixing the order, in the procession, in its proper place.

II. That upon a charge having been brought, by v. g. Smith, against n. g. Spencer, for contemptuous language and behaviour towards him, and improper conduct during the procession, on May 30, 1814, n. g. Spencer to receive a reprimand; he was therefore reprimanded accordingly, by g. m. J. Christie, president.

Committee held at treasurer Atkinson's, Hope and Anchor, Abercrombie Lodge, July 15, 1814.

Resolved---I. That p. g. Rogerson Edward be expelled from all lodges throughout England.

II. That p. g. Charles Harris be expelled.

III. That the officers of the Wellington lodge see that p. g. Tasker pay the debt by instalments.

IV. That p. g. Brookchureh be expelled.

V. That the making shall be 12s. 8d.

VI. That a list of officers' names be kept by the secretaries. G. m. J. Christie, president.

Committee held at treasurer Leadsome's, Rope Makers' Arms, Salford, Aug. 12, 1814, *Clarence lodge, No.* 3.

Resolved---I. That there shall be only three principal officers on the quarterly or monthly meetings; no inferior officers to attend without being summoned.

II. That those brothers who come from different country lodges shall deposit their certificates in the lodges which they enter into in town.

III. That no brother shall be relieved from Ashton or Stayley Bridge, without he brings a written account, saying that he is going through the town, from the n. g. of his lodge, stating that he is in real distress, or he will not be relieved on any account.

IV. That all reliefs shall be brought in every monthly committee, and the n. g. to settle the next meeting.

V. That there shall be a letter sent to the Vittoria, Blucher, and Crown Prince lodges, stating, that unless theycomply with the rules and articles which were given to their lodges, we will not relieve any of their brothers whomsoever.

VI. That there shall be a letter sent to the Mermaid Tap, London, respecting p. n. g. Christie's conduct in the Manchester lodges.

VII. That there shall be a committee meeting, in the No. 2 lodge, to enquire into the conduct of n. g. Spencer and v. g. Smith, and to settle their affairs, on Friday the 19th August, 1814. P. G. Atkinson, president.

Committee held at brother Atkinson's, sign of the Crown and Anchor, Salford, January 13, 1814.

Resolved---I. That Thomas Teasdale, late of the third lodge, is legally expelled from No. 3. lodge, and the order in general.

Committee held at the Wellington Lodge, August 22, 1814.

Resolved---I. That the Cumberland lodge, No. 7, dispute, be referred to arbitration, between brother Horrocks and brother Brookes, and two brothers from both parties, to decide the difference between them.

II. That there shall be three brothers transferred from each of the four lodges in town, to the Cumberland lodge, if the brothers be agreeable.

III. If a person be proposed in one lodge, and made in another, the money to be divided between them.

IV. That a g. m. shall no longer exist in this district, but that every p. g., on leaving the n. g.'s chair, shall take the g. m.'s chair for the next six months. No medal to be allowed him, except by the consent of the officers and brothers of the lodge to which he belongs.

V. That six pence be added to the making money, for a funeral in hand.

VI. That the host, or n. g. of each lodge, pay for their liquor on a committee night, and the host of each lodge who may be in arrear to be summoned.

Committee held at the Abercrombie Grand Lodge, No. 1, brother Atkinson's, Hope and Anchor, Salford, Oct. 13, 1814.

Resolved---I. That p. g. Wild be honourably acquitted of the accusation alluded to him.

II. That the Blucher lodge be fined one guinea for making several characters, knowing them to be Luddites.

III. That the said characters be expelled from our order, as also the Blucher lodge, until the said fine be paid. P. G. Naylor, president.

Committee held at treasurer Horrocks's, Cross Keys, Camp-street, Manchester, on Sunday afternoon, Decr. 18, 1814, by agreement at preceding monthly Committees, held at treasurer Hall's, to take into consideration the propriety of opening a lodge at Oldham.

Resolved---That James Phenix be admitted a member of the Wellington lodge, although in his 21st year, in consequence of exposing some member under the appellation of a brother, having treacherously informed him of the mystery of our order.

II. That in consequence of n. g. Kay, of the Abercrombie grand lodge, withholding their corresponding letters (the principal business of this committee assembled) he be fined 5s. but in consideration of his late conduct, the said fine to be migitated to 2s. 6d. although his apology has not been duly received.

III. That p. g. Thomas Wild be summoned to attend a committee at the grand lodge, to ascertain whether it is his intention to deliver up his certificate, as, during the period he withholds the same, he must certainly relinquish visiting any lodge, nor can he receive any gift derivable from the order.

IV. That the minutes of each committee be sent round to each

lodge in rotation, by the v. g. of each lodge, so as to be in time for the ensuing lodge night, under a fine of 2s. 6d.

V. Any member under the charge of felony, or any other disgraceful crime, if proved, shall be expelled.

VI. Any member making known the transactions of a grand committee, before they are regularly read in open lodge, shall be fined 5s. P. G. Naylor, president.

Extraordinary Committee, convened at the Vittoria lodge, No. 5, treasurer Whitehead's, Ashton under Line, on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1815, for examining the alledged charge against p. g. James Christie, of having received from the said treasurer the sum of two pounds, towards defraying the expences of sashes and other regalia of the order; which two pounds appear not to have been entered or received in any of the lodges in this town or district; making, according to their books, 6l. 10s. whereof only 4l. 10s. appear to be the total sum.

I. Treasurer Whitehead affirms, that, according to his cash book, 6*l.* 10*s.* had been paid, but at present could not recollect to whom, particularly the last two pounds; yet conceives he should pay no person money, without a proper receipt, which at this time cannot be found, as when the misfortune happened at his house, numerous papers were destroyed.

II. Past secretary Glover asserts, that he entered the money regularly into the lodge account, agreeably to treasurer Whitehead's book, but he saw no receipt; and being but newly initiated into the

order, he was not sufficiently aware of the importance of receipts, seeing them to be duly entered in the treasurer's cash book.

III. N. G. Kay testifies, that p. g. Harrop, of the Vittoria lodge, expressed to him, very recently, that they had paid 1l. 10s. which the said p. g. Harrop considered equivalent to what the other lodges had paid.

IV. N. G. Inman, of the said lodge, says, that their accounts were only balanced last November, and until then they were not apprised of the last two pounds.

V. Brothers Luke Holgate, Hermitage, Jackson, and others, will make oath, that n. g. Smith, of the Wellington lodge, received on or about the 14th of May, 1814, in company with p. g. Christie, and others, two pounds, on account, at the time they went over to examine the room at Staley Bridge, prior to opening the Blucher lodge, on the 3rd of June; and also, that n. g. Smith, on the 28th of May, 1814, in company with brother Barber, when at Ashton for the purpose of getting the globes for the Manchester procession, received two pounds more on the lodge account, one pound of which n. g. Smith gave p. g. Robinson, and one pound he kept for making sashes; the other two pounds do not appear to be accounted for.

VI. On the whole of the evidence adduced at this committee, the past and present officers on the committee, lay their hands to their hearts, and unanimously acquit p. g. m. Christie of any imputations in the nefarious transactions; yet not without painfully asserting, the strong evidence against n. g. Smith, of the order, for the same two

pounds. Dates---May 1st, brother Holgate paid treasurer Atkinson 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*---May 28th, treasurer Whitehead paid n. g. Smith 2*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* ---June 8th, suppose payment to whom not known, 2*l* 0*s* 0*d.* The above dates appear to be the time entered, (viz.) at monthly committees; and that the 2nd entry, May 28, appears to have been received about the 15th of May, and that of June 8th, May 28. V. G. Cornish, president.

Committee held at treasurer Hall's, sign of the Jolly Butcher, Ancoats-street, Manchester, Jan. 27, 1815.

Resolved.---I. That the grand lodge, No. 1, now held at the Hope and Anchor, Chapel-street, Salford, kept by treasurer Atkinson, under the appellation of the Abercrombie Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, be removed to the King's Head, brother Oakley's, Chapel-street, Salford, he having promised to provide the necessary accommodations.

Committee held at the Victory Lodge, No. 4, *March* 15.

Resolved---I. That each Lodge shall relieve their own sick.

II. That in consequence of information received from the masonic grand lodge, John Wood never be admitted into our order.

III. That the monthly pass word be given in open lodge only.

IV. That different lodges meet in St. Ann's-square, on the 5th of June, 1815, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, or forfeit one half the band's expenses. P. G. Naylor, president.

Committee held at the Abercrombie Grand Lodge, April 7, 1815.

Resolved---I. That p. treasurer Chomley receive his account of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

II. That the affairs of secretary Berry, and the n. g. of the Macclesfield lodge, be referred to a future committee.

III. That instead of monthly and quarterly committees, there be quarterly and half-yearly for the future; and that no person be allowed to attend except the three present elect and p. g's. unless they are summoned.

Committee held at the Grand Lodge, May 4.

Resolved---I. That p. g. Strand, of the Wellington lodge, charges n. g. Thompson, No. 6 lodge, with audaciously insulting him, in a public tap-room, at Stockport, when on travel, and degrading the order, by voluntarily breaking the seal and damaging his card, so as to render it useless to him.

II. That n. g. Thompson be summoned to a court of enquiry, to answer why he acted in such a manner.

III. That the officers and brothers meet at their respective lodges in due time, to appear in St. Ann's-squore, at ten o'clock in the morning, without fail.

IV. That the death supporters carry drawn swords, and be attired in gowns and caps.

V. That none but death supporters and tylers walk in gowns and caps during the procession.

VI. That every brother appear in a white napkin and white stockings; also a white apron, with the following binding-- past and present grands, scarlet sash, with mazarine blue rosette on the shoulder, and tied with mazarine blue; mazarine sashes to be tied with sky, sky sashes to be tied with mazarine.

VII. That the Rev. Mr. Gatliff be requested to preach a sermon on the occasion; at St. Mary's church, and that he inform our delegates what time will be most convenient for that purpose.

VIII. That n. g. Mansall and n. g. Walker, be deputed to Mr. Gatliff for that purpose.

IX. That n. g. Walker, n. g. Mansell, and brother Yates, be deputed to the Boroughreeve of Madchrster, to know what side of the Square we are to take.

X. That p. g. Atkinson, n. g. Newman, and n. g. Naylor wait upon the Boroughreeve of Salford to the same effect.

XI. That the lodge at Dudley be answered by the Grand Lodge in an appropriate manner.

XII. That the maces and sceptres be prepared by each lodge, and that each lodge wear their own.

XIII. That every lodge proceed in a regular rotation, and not stop at any public house.

XIV. That any officer or brother being intoxicated at the procession, be fined 1*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* P. G. Bayley, president.

Committee convened at treasurer Leadsom's Rayner's Arms, S-lford, June 1, 1815.

Resolved---I. That the sum of 1*l.* 6*s.* be accepted by the Clarence lodge, from the Cumberland, instead of 2*l.* 1l*s.* returned as a sick bill, in consequence of the Cumberland lodge being closed from December until February, and from April 1st until May 27, 1815, in consequence of a prior resolution, passed at a committee in March, that each lodge should support their own sick.

II. That p. g. Bianchi and p. g. Inman be summoned to attend the next general committee.

III. That those lodges which have received the one pound back which was lent to the Grand Lodge, on account of the regalia, return the same and the deficiency be equally divided and paid by each lodge.

IV. That the procession on Monday next walk as one body, (viz.) p. gs., n. gs., p. v. gs., v. g., p. secretaries, secretaries, p. wardens, wardens, tylers, and brothers, in distinct groups.

V. That the appointed Mottram band call at No. 8, then at No. 7, and so on to the Grand Lodge, where they will be met by No. 2, 3 and 4 lodges.

VI. That the regalia now at the Grand Lodge be returned to the Victory, and sent by them to the Grand Lodge, for the accommodation of a funeral from the said lodge, then to be returned to the Victory, to come in procession, on Monday, to No. 1 lodge.

VII. That six black velvet sashes be purchased for the funeral procession pall bearers; that each lodge pay an equal share towards them; p. v. g. Smith appointed to purchase the same.

VIII. That the Nelson Ball lodge be permitted to open a lodge at Waterhead Mill, in the parish of Saddleworth. P. G. Bayley, president.

Committee held at the Victory Lodge, June 16, 1815, to take into consideration the propriety of altering various laws in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Resolved---I. That for swearing each officer or brother shall pay a fine of one shilling.

II. That every officer or brother, who comes into the room in a state of intoxication, shall be fined five shillings, and put out of the room.

III. P. G. Bianchi was charged with telling the Vittoria lodge, if he was them, he would keep the regalia for themselves: this committee hearing the charge stated, does honourably acquit him of the said charge.

IV. That p. g. Holmes is excluded from entering in, or belonging to, this order, for disgracing himself by not paying his arrears, and for keeping a disorderly home.

V. That brother Yearsley attend the next quarterly committee.

VI. That James Hughes, by trade a spinner, and Charles Coy, a dyer, bearing indifferent characters, are not to be admitted into any lodge.

Committee held at the Cumberland Lodge, treasurer John Marsden's, the Crown and Cushion, Long Millgate; June 15, 1815.

Resolved---I. That brother John Lloyd, Esq. is duly elected provincial grand master of this district.

II. That p. g. Howarth be elected deputy grand master.

III. That the provincial grand master and his deputy serve twelve

months each, and belong to the Grand Lodge; that they see that all signs, charges and makings, are alike, and that they shall give the monthly pass word to town and country lodges. The deputy to be allowed one shilling a mile when on duty to a country lodge. The expences to be advanced by the Grand Lodge, and be equally repaid by each lodge in the district, every month. That the grand master and deputy be empowered to examine the books of each lodge, and suspend all that are in arrears until they comply.

IV. That brother Kirby be suspended from visiting any lodge.

V. That tr. Hall and sec. Gray be fined one shilling each for swearing, and that sec. Gray be further fined one shilling for being intoxicated.

VI. That n. g, Townly be fined two shillings for not warning the officers of his lodge to attend.

VII. That the deputy attend the Oldham lodge on Saturday next, with n. g. Buckley.

VIII. That sec. Sandford, of the Cumberland Lodge, remain in his situation, and be exonerated by paying his fine to the Clarence Lodge. Past grand Walker, president.

Committee held at the Loyal Nelson Lodge, No. 8, June 29, 1815.

Resolved.---I. That the Vittoria Lodge, Ashton, having violated the laws of the order and their dispensation, by depreciating the cha-

racters of p. g. m. Christie, and p. v. Smith, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 2, and by retaining the regalia of the district under false pretences ; and likewise, by having applied to the union order for a dispensation ; that a letter be written, and read aloud in every lodge in the district, stating the opinions of the officers and brothers, according to the laws and rules of the order, that the said Vittoria, No. 5 lodge, be expelled the appellation, rights and liberties of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

II. That past secretary Berry, of No. 2 lodge, be brought to account for his bad conduct at Macclesfield. P. g m Christie, President.

Committe held at brother Horrocks's, Wellington Lodge house, Cross Keys, Camp-street, Manchester, July 12, 1815.

Resolved---I. That the Nelson lodge, No, 8, be allowed to open a lodge at the sign of the Wool Pack, Pendleton.

I. That the d. g. m.be requested to go over to enquire the character of Mr. John Fitton, Dog and Gun, Denton Lane.

III. That p. v. Smith be honourably acquitted of the charge of having received two pounds from the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, and likewise of the charge of keeping incorrect accounts, at the Wellington lodge, of which lodge he was then n. g. the books having been examined by n. g. Walker, p. g. Naylor, v. g. Cornish, and v. g. Townley, when they were found correct, P. G. Naylor, president.

IV. P. S. Rushworth having been charged with abusive language to p. v. Smith, on the 26th of June, by calling him an unworthy member, and stating, that if they knew as much of him as he did, he would never have been made or admitted into the order, and added he had no right with those books, meaning the Wellington lodge books; that he be suspended, and not allowed to visit any lodge for three months, and if he uses any abusive language towards the order, during that time, he shall be expelled.

V. That the n. g. of each lodge shall summons his officers, and in case of non-attendance thereto, they shall be fined, unless a written apology be sent.

VI. That n. g. Townley, of the Wellington lodge, pay a fine of two shillings, for not summoning his officers to attend the committee at the Cumberland lodge house.

VII. That every officer and brother shall subscribe one shilling towards raising a funeral fund, into the hands of the g. m., that the money may be immediately paid on the death of a brother, or his lawful wife; and that the members not paying their deposits within two lodge nights from this date, shall not be entitled to the benefits of the same.

VIII. That the Liverpool lodge be declared illegal, they never having received a dispensation. P. g m. Lloyd, president.

Committee held at Tr. Hall's, Nelson lodge house, No. 8, by order of g. m. Lloyd.

Resolved---1. That the lodge which was proposed to be opened by the Victory lodge, at Chatterton, near Denton, shall not be opened by any lodge in town or country.

II. That the makings both in town and country, two months after this date, be raised to one pound one shilling; one half to be paid when proposed.

III. That the articles introduced by v. g. Astley, of the No. 8 lodge, be printed in addition to the old articles; they are as follows;--- 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, and 38th printed laws.

IV. No officer or brother shall persuade any other officer or brother to vote for any particular elective officer; the elective officer to be chosen out of their own lodge.

V. Any officer or brother, persuading a gentleman who may be proposed for any lodge, to be initiated in another, shall be fined one pound one shilling.

VI. That John Wood, alias Gorton, alias Villiamson, of the Victory lodge, shall be summoned to the general committee, by the n. g. of the Victory.

VII. That g. m. Lloyd and tr. Hall, wait on the masonic lodge, held at the Castle Inn, Deansgate, to report Charles and John Roberts,

who have behaved as unworthy characters, and are considered unfit either for the Masonic or independent orders.

VIII. That any officer or brother be subject to a fine of one shilling for attempting to bring into contempt, ridicule, or question, the decisions of a lodge or committee, legally opened to transact the business of such lodge or committee, for their own financial affairs or regulations; and for every subsequent offence five shillings; but that any officer or brother may be allowed to submit any alteration or amendment thereto, in writing, and if a majority of the lodge think fit, it shall be considered the next lodge night, or committee.

Grand Lodge Committee, Nov. 2d, 1815.

Past Grand Mansall, senior Warden---Past Grand Naylor, junior Warden, to support G. M. John Lloyd, Esq.

Past Grand Ascomb, left Supporter---Past Grand Horrocks, right Supporter, to D G M Benjamin Haworth.

N. G. Burgess, G. Tyler.

W. Sandford, Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved---I. That the Hope lodge, at Macclesfield, be permitted to join the Manchester District, and be nominated No. 20.

II. That every lodge that wishes to join with the Manchester

district, to bury the dead, shall send their deposit shillings on or before the next grand lodge night, or else they are expected to bury their own dead; they are also to send a list of every member in their respective lodges, with the name, age, trade and place of abode of every one composing their lodge, otherwise they can receive no benefit therefrom.

III. That to every brother or his wife, at the death of either; the sum of fourteen pounds shall be paid, by the lodges paying one shilling each member, and six pence each as usual.

IV. That all complaints be signed by the n. g. of his lodge, and transmitted to the cor. sec. seven days previovs to the grand lodge night; the letters to be post paid.

V. That no lodge shall be opened at Rochdale, within six months, or at Manchester, without consent of the grand lodge.

VI. Upper Mill, a lodge granted from Lees lodge, Edward Lees.

VII. Letter read for another lodge, for brother J. Appleton, Printers' Arms, Chapel-street, Bank top, carried.

Grand Lodge Committee, Dec. 7th, 1815.

Resolved---I. That the Abercrombie lodge be considered as unwilling to come into the dispensation.

II. A letter read by Mr. Newman, from the Hackney lodge, stating, that the Abercrombie, No. I, was to be the grand lodge.--- Dated November 20, 1815.

III. Another letter, read by Mr. Astles, in contradiction, dated Dec. 4, and directed to John Lloyd, Esq.

IV. No. 16, Devonshire lodge, agreed.

V. No. 1, Abercrombie lodge, expelled.

VI. N. g. Mellor to receive the six pence of his lodge, and one pound some time else.

VII. Brother Kennedy to have the benefit of petitioning the coun try lodges, under the sanction of this committee.

VIII. No dispensation to be granted to any house in Warrington, under the expiration of twelve months.

IX. Every lodge to pay one shilling per brother for all made after this date, and one shilling and six pence per quarter for the purpose of buying regalia.

X. All dispensations to be granted from the grand lodge, and the g. master's signature to be affixed to each.

XI. The officers and brothers of the Aboukir lodge wish to have a procession on new year's day, and would be glad to see as many as can

make it convenient to attend. N. g. Smith, v. g. Harlow, secretary Burgess.

XII. That no host shall serve any other office except that of treasurer, and shall not be allowed to give a vote, or be heard on any debate whatever, nor admitted into the grand lodge.

Minutes of the Grand Lodge Committee, Jan. 4th, 1816.

Resolved---I. That p. g. Young be summoned to answer a charge brought against him by brother Hassells.

II. Any brother interrupting another whilst speaking upon any subject, to be fined one shilling for every offence; the fines to be paid down immediately.

III. The Aboukir lodge declares off the funerals of the district, and agrees to bury their own dead.

IV. That n. g. Smith succeed W. Sandford, by order of the g. m. as corresponding secretary, salary ten pounds.

V. Glossop declares off funerals, and buries their own dead.

VI. Briton's Pride declares off funerals from Dec. 4.

VII. Briton's Pride to be written to, stating the deaths before Dec. 4. Crown and Thistle, Rochdale, Thomas Ashworth; Prince Regent, Glossop, No. 12, members 23, money 11s. 6d.

VIII. That the medal of the n. g. be paid for by the different lodges in a regular proportion.

N. B. One shilling taken from the other stock, No. 1.

IX. W. Sandford relinquishes his situation as cor. sec.

X. A lodge to be opened at Brother Greenhough's, the sign of the Dog and Partridge, Failsworth.

Clarence paid two pounds for sixpences.

Letters read from British Crown lodge, Prince of Wales, Nelson, Briton's Pride, St. George's, and Nelson Ball, praying to take in members at the old price.

N. g. Buckley wishes matters to be settled; he observes, he wants no contention; he is much grieved at coming to Manchester to hear so much wrangling; and that the advance of making has done their lodge much injury.

XI. Any lodge in the country making under price to be called rebel lodges. N. g. Buckley spoke without effect.

XII. The letter of No. 1, Abercrombie, to be answered politely; the grand lodge cannot accede it.

XIII. The Nelson lodge declares off burying the dead, but will pay to any thing wanting to the grand lodge.

Minutes of the Grand Lodge Committee, Feb. 1st, 1816.

Resolved---1. That if any officer or brother visit the Abercrombie lodge hereafter, he shall be fined five shillings for each offence, until the said lodge be brought to compliance.

The Cumberland lodge declares off the funerals of the district, and agrees to bury their own dead.

II. That any brother giving the monthly pass word to any defective member, be fined five shillings for each offence.

III. That the brothers sixpences must be paid on the next monthly grand lodge night, towards furnishing the lodge with regalia.

The Wellington lodge declares off the district for paying to the funerals, and agrees to bury their own dead.

IV. That the British Crown and the Prince of Wales lodges be

expelled until brought to a compliance; and if not brought to that compliance before the next grand lodge night, to be fined one pound one shilling.

V. That the Abercrombie be brought to a compliance before the next grand lodge night, or loose their No.

VI. That brothers entering any lodge, give the monthly pass word to the outside guardian, and the explanation of the same to the inside guardian.

VII. That p g Young, be cleared of the charge brought against him.

VIII. That brother Johnson's, brother Barnes', and brother Lakin's petition goes round the district.

Grand Lodge Committee, March 7th, 1816.

Resolved---I. That the regalia at the Victory lodge be purchased with the sixpences that are paid into the grand lodge, for the use of the order in general.

Nelson Ball paid their sixpences for 90 members			2*l.*	5*s.* 0*d.*
St. George's, Waterhead Mill,	do. for 28	do	0*l.*	14*s.* 0*d.*
Briton's Pride, Rochdale,	do. for 30	do	0*l.*	15*s,* 0*d.*
Combermere, Stockport,	do. for 60	do	10*l.*	1*s.* 0*d.*

II. That John Buckley Booth be summoned to the next grand lodge night, and the person who proposed him to be made into the Order, to have a fair investigation of the charges brought against him, and if true the proposer to be fined one pound one shilling.

III. That no petitions be received in the grand lodge, nor any other hereafter, but the axe to go round as usual, and the money collected to be divided amongst them; the brother or brothers wanting a petition, mnst get it signed by the n. g. of the lodge to which he belongs.

IV. That John Taylor be expelled for irregular conduct, and John Marland for not paying the fine of one pound one shilling, for giving the sign in the second charge.

V. That the price of initiation hereafter be fifteen shillings, or one pound one, as the officers and brothers of the lodges think proper.

Grand Lodge Committee, April 4th, 1816.

Resolved---I. That the Abercrombie lodge be allowed another month to come into the district, and maintain their title as No. 1, or mother lodge.

II. That the 13d. collected from brothers for Dudley, go towards furnishing regalia for the grand lodge, as p g Jones has got his affairs settled with his offenders to his satisfaction.

III. The British Crown, Lees, are allowed to open a lodge at Butterworth Hall, providing the intended host prove to be a respectable character; but if not to be disannulled. Our d. g. m. to go over to enquire into the state of the host, and the characters already made, and to have all his reasonable expences allowed him by the Lees lodge, but to be returned by the new lodge; the d g m to be allowed twelve shillings for his expences; the money to be advanced from the grand lodge for the Lees lodge.

IV. That the lodges in the district pay an equal share towards employing an attorney, on a trial at the New Bailey, against the stewards of the sick box called the United Friendly Society, held at the Cotton Tree, Ancoats Lane, in behalf of brothers Bamford and

V. That every lodge brings the name of a p. g. from their respective lodges, out of whom a d g m shall be chosen for the ensuing twelve months.

Grand Lodge Committee, May 2nd, 1816.

Names of expelled brothers from the Warrington lodge:---Mordecia Norbury, Ralph Langley, J B Miller, James Williamson, Wm. Hill, Matthew Lithgo, J. Bancroft, James Atherton, John Atherton, James Lithgo, Thomas Seed, Joseph Pickering.

Resolved---I. That the opening of the intended new lodge, at Middleton, be postponed for one month longer.

II. That a brother shall have been initiated into this order six months before he be allowed to draw his certificate; and should he leave the lodge he is initiated in, before the expiration of that time, he shall produce a good character from the n. g. of the lodge he was made a member of, otherwise he will not be admitted into any other.

III. That if any brother of this order thinks proper to enter any other order whatsoever, he will have the privilege of so doing.

IV That every brother on travel shall receive his relief according to the distance he is going, and each host, or n g shall pay him accordingly.

V. That the Abercrombie lodge be allowed another month to join the district and maintain their old title; and that the cor. sec. wait upon the Abercrombie lodge to inform them the particulars of this, and wait their decision.

VI. That the bill for printing the lectures be not discharged this evening, but referred to the next grand lodge night, and the officers of each lodge be summoned to attend to give their sanction whether it shall be discharged or not.

VII. That the different lodges join in procession the same as be-

fare, officers together, and brothers the same ; the country lodges to join such other lodges as they shall think proper.

Pass word---Daniel in the lions' den.

Grand Committee, July 4, 1816.

Resolved---I. That each of the Manchester lodges shall pay one shilling per week, beginning with No. 1, the Abercrombie grand lodge, and so on in rotation, as they stand in number. There are nine lodges in this town and neighbourhood, so that it will amount to nine shillings per week, for the relief of brother John Kennedy, who is blind, very ill, and in great distress. The country lodges to make subscriptions occasionally.

II. That secretary Thomas Hignett, Bull's Head, Greengate, Salford, of the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, be appointed cor. sec. to the grand committee to be held at brother Oakley's, the King's Head, Salford; to receive four pounds a year for his salary, and if that should be thought too little for the trouble he may have been at, to have more allowed him at the expiration of twelve months.

III. That if any brother should leave town, and wish to draw his card, he shall have specified thereon what degrees he has received, and be relieved accordingly.

IV. That the late cor. sec. Smith be summoned to attend, and give an account why he has taken out of the fund the sum of three pounds; and that the n. g. of the different lodges be summoned to attend this day week, at brother Oakley's, the King's Head, Salford, to investigate the accounts.

V. That Leech, Buckley and Williams, late brothers of the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, but now belonging to the Butterworth lodge, be fined five shillings each, for their misconduct to the Briton's Pride lodge; to be paid to the grand committee for the benefit of the order.

VI. That the grand committee, for the future, shall meet at brother Oakley's, the King's Head, Salford.

Committee, July 11th, 1816.

Resolved—I. That the late sec. Smith shall bring his books prepared ready for inspection, at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening next; and that the n. g. and p. g. from the different lodges, shall attend by half-past eight o'clock, or be fined one shilling; that is, one from a lodge, to come in in liquor for the brothers then present.

Committee, July 17th, 1816.

Resolved—I. That the late sec. Smith shall be expelled from the

order, for taking certain moneys, namely, 4l. 19s. 9d. out of the box belonging to the grand committee, without any orders and for not coming forward to settle his accounts personally, to the satisfaction of the grand committee; but to have a further hearing about it the next committee night, then to be finally settled.

Committee, August 1st, 1816.

Resolved—I. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, shall open a lodge at the house of brother Samuel Moss, the Duke of York, Yorkshire-street, Oldham.

II. That James Garlic, painter, aged 26 years, belonging to the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, be expelled from the order, for his bad conduct, and endeavouring to injure the order in general.

III. That the business concerning a warrant being obtained from the lodge at the barracks, be postponed till the next grand committee night.

IV. That brother Crossby, of the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, shall pay the fine of seven shillings, which was levied on him for a false accusation against v. g. Arstalasca, of the above lodge, or be expelled the order.

V. That n. g. Kichen, of the Wellington lodge, No. 2, be expelled the order, for his bad conduct.

VI. That brother Horridge's petition be signed by the grand committee.

Cash received this Committee Night.

No. 3, Clarence lodge, three makings and quarterly money . . 4s 6d.
No. 7, Nelson lodge, six makings and quarterly money . . . . 7s. 6d.
No. 10, Nelson Ball, quarterly money . . . . . 1s. 6d.
No. 13, Aboukir lodge, Ashton-under-line, quarterly money . 1s. 6d.

VII. That the letter which came from Warrington should be answered, and if they thought proper to call a meeting, a few of the brothers from Manchester would go over to Warrington to meet them, and see if things could be made agreeable, and if they had been misled. The Warrington lodge to pay the expences of our brothers going over.

VIII. That brother Kenyon, right hand supporter to the n. g. belonging to the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, be summoned to attend his own lodge, the next lodge night, to answer a complaint alledged against him by v. g. Arstalasca, for a false accusation against him, and causing him to be taken by a warrant to the New Bailey prison for theft, without any proper grounds or foundation whatever, brother Arstalasca having cleared himself at the New Bailey.

Committee, September 5th, 1816.

Resolved - I. That the Constitution lodge, Warrington, shall have

a fresh dispensation granted them, which they are to pay the sum of one pound one shilling for; to be paid to the grand committee.

II. That if any officer or brother, who left the King's Own lodge, Warrington, and joined the Constitution lodge, were not clear in the books before they left, to pay the same up to that time, or be expelled the order.

III. That brother Ashworth, of the Faithful lodge, Bank Top, be summoned to next committee night.

Pass word---Benjamin the youngest Son of Israel.

Committee September 25th, 1816.

Mr. Fuller, a mason, having stated to brother Newman and others, that brother Lovelis had been shewing the masons sundry different things, and running down our order, and that he was not a fit person to be in any order, for if he would do it by one he would do it by the other; and that if we would call a committee, he would bring sufficient proofs to substantiate what he had said.

But when Mr. Fuller came to this committee, he could not prove any thing, and brother Lovelis cleared himself in every point whatever. Mr. Fuller then said that if we would send down for two other persons, from the neighbourhood of Ancoats-street, who were also masons, that they would satisfy all present that brother Lovelis was guilty, and that they would prove that every word he had said was false. One of

the said persons came down, the other was out of town, but he could not say a word against him. We then all of us who were there present gave it in, that he was clear, and had been falsly accused by brother Fuller; and we all believe that it was nothing but spite that they owed him, for not requesting their support for him at a certain ball he had, instead of the Odd Fellows.

Committee, October 3rd, 1816.

Resolved---I. That the Blucher, Alexander and Platoff lodges, join the Manchester district; to pay one shilling and sixpence per quarter, and to allow them to visit each other, but not to have a book of lectures without they pay their sixpences.

II. That James Rushworth, p. g. Young, George Fitten, and ----- Pilling shall all of them be expelled the order.

III. That n. g. Howarth be honourably acquitted of the charge laid against him for embezzling money; not a single vote against him.

IV. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, shall open a new lodge at the house of Samuel Moss, the Duke of York, Yorkshire-street, Oldham; but they are to bring four respectable persons to be made by the Nelson Ball lodge, or the money to be paid by them to the Nelson Ball lodge.

V. That brother Ramsey's petition go round to the different lodges.

VI. That Samuel Wood, from the Vittoria lodge, Ashton-under-line, has got a false certificate; he was proved at the Original lodge, Sheffield, in the presence of Joseph Bradley, of the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham.

VII. That the two songs in the Odd Fellows' song book be done away with and erased, namely, Dring and Kiss the Lasses, and the other chorus, Cursed bad sort of Weather.

Pass word---Barnabas the Son of Consolation.

Received from Waterloo,	2 quarters	3s. 0d.
Do. Briton's Pride	3 do	4s. 6d.

Committee, November 7th, 1816.

Resolved---I. That there shall be a new lodge opened at Bolton-le-moors, by the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1.

II. That brother John Risley shall join the Wellington lodge; he was made in Liverpool.

III. That Spencer Ashton, from the Aboukir lodge, Ashton-under-line, shall not be admitted into any lodge of the independent order, for his misconduct.

V. That brother John Woodrooffe's petition go round to the

different lodges. He is by trade a tailor, belongs to the Victory lodge, a past warden, is sick, has no work, and is in great distress.

V. That the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, shall relieve the travelling brothers for the first three months, and that every lodge in this town shall deposit three pence each lodge, as a fund to defray the expences.

VI. That our worthy d. g. m. Mansall was honourably and unanimously acquitted, respecting a false accusation brought against him by Rushworth. He was unanimously acquitted at a committee held prior to this, but by some means it had missed being put into the minutes of that committee.

VII. That every lodge shall have a copy of what has been paid and received, and how the books stand, to be ready by the next committee night.

Pass word---Peter Pass.

Committee, December 5th, 1816.

Nelson lodge, paid 3 m 1 qr. , , , , , , , , , ,	4s. 6d.
Secretary Hall, per n. g. Howarth , , , , , , , ,	12s. 0d.
Combermere, Stockport, 1 quarter , , , , , , , ,	1s. 0d.
Platoff, per deputy grand master Mansall , , , , ,	6s. 6d.
Good Samaritan, Marple Bridge . , , , , , , , ,	1s. 6d.
Blucher, Stayley Bridge , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1s. 6d.
Do. do. 20 brothers' expences , , , , , , ,	10s. 0d.

Resolved—I. That the n. g. of every lodge be particularly careful to choose worthy characters for their supporters, and other inferior officers, so that they will be suitable brothers to fill the offices they may hereafter take.

II. That the n. g. of the different lodges shall take the oath from the grand committee not to give the monthly pass word to any brother except the worthy brothers belonging his own lodge, or to the outside tiles of the different lodges he may visit; and the n. g. of the different lodges to give it to the v. g. and other officers and brothers belonging to his own lodge.

III. That the Collingwood lodge, Bury, shall be expelled at present, till a further investigation.

IV. That there shall be a lodge opened by the Clarence lodge, at Altrincham, in Cheshire.

V. That all lodges be at liberty to make at the price they are making at, till next quarterly night, and then to have a further hearing about it.

VI. That brother Webster's petition be allowed to go round the different lodges, his tools being all burned by a fire, and him and his son thrown out of employ.

Pass word—Levi Joy or Praise.

Committee, Jan. 2d, 1817.

Resolved---I. That after the different lodges have gone round with their payments towards the relief of brother Kennedy; there shall be a further hearing about it, as many of the lodges think it a hard case to pay to him, while several of their own brothers are in great distress; and through the pressure of the times it is impossible to relieve them; but to see if any thing more can be done for him by the country lodges making subscriptions, those that have not already done so.

II. That after this date no petitions to be sanctioned by the grand committee to go round to the different lodges, but every one to relieve their own.

III. That the Victory lodge, Huddersfield, shall have a dispensation and book of lectures, for one pound one shilling, from the grand committee.

IV. That the different lodges in this town shall pay to the reliefs according to the strength of their lodge.

V. That the Algerine brothers, who sent their letter up and wished to have a hearing, shall be permitted the next committee night, but to retire as soon as their business is done.

VI. That Joseph Lyon, St. George's lodge, Waterhead Mill, is expelled the order for misconduct.

VII. That the new lodge that is wished to be opened by the Mosley lodge, shall have another month's consideration on the business before it is granted.

Cash Received.

Devonshire, 4 m. 1 qr.	5s. 6d.
Prince of Wales, 3 qr.	4s. 6d.

Pass word---Joseph, Prime Minister.

Grand Committee, Feb. 6th, 1817.

Resolved---I. That the Manchester district be twelve miles round Manchester, and every lodge within that distance shall join in the district, to be called No. 1 district, and that no division be allowed, but that all come under the grand committee; and further on for twelve miles they shall be called No. 2, and further No. 3, and so on; and that lodges at any further distance out of the district, may come under the Manchester district if they please, if no reasonable cause can be shewn to the contrary, and their officers may attend and vote at the grand committees for the lodges they represent.

II. That there shall be a letter written to Warrington, and a deputation of officers shall come over here on the next grand committee night, the first Thursday in March.

III. That the dispute between the Butterworth lodge and the Lees lodge, shall have another month, and during that time to see if they cannot settle it themselves, or with the aid and assistance of their neighbouring lodges, and if they cannot, to bring it forward the next committee night; and in future, when a new lodge is opened, there shall be only five brothers made, and two pounds two shillings paid for the dispensation, on delivery of the same.

they come down, if any of the brothers should be disorderly, and shewing any misconduct; if he does, to warn them of their fault, and if they do not refrain from it, then to levy the fine of five shillings against them. The n. g. also to be liable to the same fine for neglect of the above duty.

XII. That if any brother is expelled, either through his misconduct, or has expelled himself, it shall be immediately made known to the different lodges in the district, as well as to the distant lodges, stating the cause of his expulsion, likewise of the brothers that are expelled. If any brother should be expelled, the secretary of the lodge he belonged to shall send an account of his expulsion to the cor. sec. and there shall be a book kept in every lodge of all expelled brothers, to be there to refer to.

XIII. That if the lodge has been shifted from one house to another, they shall have the old host's name erased, and the new one put in its stead, that is, in the dispensation, or otherwise have it written over again if the lodge chooses; and likewise the expelled officers who have signed it, and others put in their place; and that there shall be a committee of four officers appointed, namely, d. g. m. Mansall, p. g. m. Christie, n. g. Jones, and n. g. Davies, to go round to the different lodges to inspect their dispensations; and also, that the names of all p. g's. shall be fixed up in every lodge room, as a mark of respect.

XIV. The subject of the cards for the visiting brothers to lie over for a further hearing.

XV. That any of the country distant lodges that wish to have a

IV. That secretary Collins, of the Cumberland lodge, shall not be admitted into the grand committee room.

V. That the dispute between the Butterworth lodge and the Rochdale lodge, respecting the making of a brother who lived at a distance, be squashed.

VI. That the Mosley lodge shall open a new lodge in Saddleworth.

VII. That the subject of a brother leaving one lodge and joining another, and a certain sum to be paid to the lodge he joins, shall lie over for further discussion.

VIII. That if any officer from the various lodges has any thing to be discussed by the grand committee, an account of it shall be sent in writing seven days before the committee night.

IX. That p. g. m. Christie shall have a book of lectures.

X. That all worthy brothers who are clear on the books, and have received the second degree, may receive the third, or scarlet.

XI. That the n. g. of every lodge shall do all that lies in his power to suppress disorders in lodge hours, and likewise whispering, both of his own account and every officer and brother in the lodge. Every n. g. to give the brothers in the lodge warning against the above, and likewise to conduct themselves with propriety after lodge hours, when they come down stairs; the n. g. to take particular notice when

IV. That the Trafalgar lodge, Halifax, be not relieved, as they are acting under a union dispensation.

IV. That the subject relative to makings shall lie over until the next quarterly night, and the different lodges in the country to be summoned to attend on that night, to be held on Thursday in the race week.

V. That all the different lodges pay according to the strength of their lodge, to defray the expences that may occur in waiting on Mr. Milne and Mr. Evans.

Wellington lodge, Huddersfield, per d. g. m. Mansall, for book of lectures - - - - - - - - - -			10s. 0d.
Nelson, 3 m. and 1 quarter - - - - - - - - -			4s. 6d.
Platoff, 3s. 6d. for lectures and 1 quarter - - - -			5s. 0d.
Combermere,	1	do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Nelson Ball,	2	do. - - - -	3s. 0d.
Prince Regent, Glossop,	5	do. - - - -	7s. 6d.
Clarence, 1 m.	1	do. - - - -	2s. 6d.

Pass word—Peter, Son of Thunder.

Grand Committee, April 3rd, 1817.

Resolved—I. That p g. Brierly, of the Butterworth lodge, shall be fined 2s. 6d. for shewing the Huddersfield lodge his book of lectures, contrary to the laws of our order. He paid his fine.

II. That every lodge that does not bring or send a list in to the grand committee, of all their expelled brothers, on or before the next committee night, shall be fined one shilling.

III. That a vote of thanks be sent to g. m. Lloyd, for his polite attention in going to visit Mr. Milne in behalf of our lodges not being disturbed from holding them as usual. Likewise to the Boroughreeve and Constables of the Township of Salford, for their polite behaviour to the order, in respect to the funeral of a brother, who was interred from the Devonshire lodge.

IV. That d. g. m. Mansall, p. g. m. Christie, and n. g. Adkin of the Cumberland lodge, be appointed to present the above.

V. That d. g. m. Mansall shall have one shilling allowed him, to come in in liquor, from the lodge he visits.

Pass word---Alexander the Conqueror.

P. G. Brierley, Butterworth lodge, fine. - - - 2s. 6d.
England's Glory, Middleton. - - - - - - 5s. 0d.

Grand Committee, May 1st, 1817.

Resolved---I. That there shall be another lodge opened at Rochdale, at the sign of the Bishop Blase, in Blackwater-street, at the house of Thomas Whitworth, to be known by the name of the Good Intent; to be opened by the Briton's Pride lodge.

II. That the different lodges that deliver a card out to a brother to travel with, shall also deliver a clearance along with it, signed and sealed the same as his card, and every lodge that relieves him must enter what he is relieved with, and the date, on the clearance paper; the officer that relieves him neglecting this, to be fined one shilling, to be paid into his own lodge.

III. That there shall be no fine against a father that proposes a son to become an Odd Fellow, who is between the age of twenty and twenty one years, nor the lodge that he belongs to, as an amendment to the forty-first article.

IV. That the business respecting p. sec. Collins and the other parties, shall lie over till next committee night, and the parties to be summoned.

V. That in regard to the lectures, the subject shall be postponed until the next committee night.

VI. That every n. g. of the different lodges in this town, shall bring money with him, each committee night, to pay the relief money for travelling brothers, to save the expense that occurs in collecting it; and that the n. g. of each lodge, neglecting to bring it, shall be fined two shillings out of his own private pocket, to be paid into the grand committee.

VII. That the Clarence lodge, No. 3, may change their night to Monday night in the place of Tuesday night.

Pass word---Samson, the Strongest.

Cash Received.

Duke of York, Oldham, 2 qrs. - - - - - 3s. 0d.

Proposed Officers for the G. Committee.

For G. M.---G. M. Lloyd. D. G. M.---D. G. M. Mansall.

„ *Wardens.*---P. G. Brown, and N. G. Adkin.

„ *Secretary.*---Sec. Hignett.

Grand Committee, May 29th, 1817.

Resolved---I. That the late Vittoria expelled lodge, Ashton-under-line, shall be heard this night, to give them another opportunity of repelling the serious charges brought against them in 1815, viz. for violating the order of Odd Fellowship, by detaining the regalia belonging to the order, under false pretences.

II. That p. g. Cooper, of the Clarence, No. 3, be suspended for 12 months, for misconduct, and getting his card falsely from the Clarence lodge ; and if he should call at any of the different lodges, he is not to be relieved, but every thing to be destroyed he may produce belonging to the order.

III. That a deputation of four officers be appointed to go over to the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, to see if they cannot settle the business between them and the different lodges in this district, on the first Saturday in June.

Officers appointed to go to Ashton: P. g. Bell, v. g. Darbyshire, sec. Tyars, and n. g. Grey.

IV. Witnesses examined in the case of p. s. Collins, of the Cumberland lodge;---Brother Samuel Gregory and brother Joseph Gregory, of the Clarence lodge, No. 3, both state nearly to the same amount, that p. s. Collins said, in their hearing, that d, g. m. Mansall had said something in the lodge respecting p. g. Bayley; this was at p. tr. Leadsome's, after the lodge was closed at Whittaker's. Agreed that as the two witnesses had been kept so long a time, they should have three shillings allowed them for their expences, which were paid them by the committee.

Brother Cooke states, that some time ago, his brother, with whom Collins lodges, told him, that Collins was not a fit person to belong to the order, and that he told him he had been receiving some money from the odd fellows, and that if he would go along with him he would spend it; that he damned them altogether; that he had been reaping up and explaining things belonging to the order; that he rambled and talked about them as he lay in bed, in a manner that he ought not to do, and that he was often heard to damn them altogether.

V. That for the future no lodge shall make under the sum of fifteen shillings, and sixpence for his articles, and one shilling towards funerals, if they join in funerals, and no brother to have any benefit

from his lodge until he has been in six months; and the different lodges in this town to join in funerals, if they can make it convenient.

Cash Received,

Alexander, sixpences,	Hatfield, - - - - -	6s. 0d.
Royal Fox,	Bolton, - - - - -	4s. 6d.
Combermere,	Stockport, - - -	1s. 6d.
Blucher,	Stayley Bridge - -	1s. 6d.
Good Samaritan,	Marple Bridge - -	3s. 0d.
Alfred the Great,	Butterworth - -	3s. 0d.

Pass word---Job, Patience.

Grand Committee, July 3rd, 1817.

Resolved---I. That the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, shall open a new lodge at the house of John Mills, the sign of the Green Man, near Littleborough, to belong to the Manchester district, and to be distinguished by the Loyal Albion lodge, No. 28.

II. That every motion which comes before the grand committee shall be stated in writing, previously to its being carried by a majority of the grand committee.

III. That as the Loyal Hope lodge, No. 1, of the Macclesfield district, is more than twelve miles from Newcastle, and as Newcastle cannot be considered being in that district, the Nelson lodge, No. 7 of

Manchester, having been applied to to open a lodge there, it is agreed that the Nelson lodge has a right to open the said lodge, without encroaching upon the liberties of the Macclesfield Hope lodge, No. 1.

IV. That in consequence of the inconvenience of the officers of the country lodges, being detained so late, the grand committee is to close at a quarter past ten o'clock for the future.

V. That the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, agreeably to the resolution passed at a grand committee, at the Nelson lodge, 29th June, 1815, be finally expelled the order, unless they pay the sum of six pounds five shillings, which the Victory lodge paid to them, for the regalia, which they had so unjustly detained, and belonged to the order.

VI. That v. g. Darbyshire, of the Devonshire lodge, be allowed five shillings for his expences in going over to the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, at the request of the grand committee.

Cash Received.

British Crown, Lees, 2 quarters - - - - 0l. 3s 0d.
Constitution, Warrington, for dispensation &c. 1l. 7s. 0d.
Briton's Pride, Rochdale, 2 quarters- - - 0l. 3s. 0d.

Pass word—Paul, Servant of Christ.

Grand Committee, August 7th, 1817.

Resolved—I. That any person who has been induced to join the

Union, or Algerine lodge, as it is termed, and has, through misinformation, been led to believe it to be the Independent Order, shall, on joining the Independent Order, pay the sum of sixteen shillings and sixpence, deducting what he has paid for his former initiation, provided he is a character who can be received into the order conformably to the articles of the independent order of odd fellows, and the sum paid to be returned to the grand committee for general purposes.

II. That a copy of the dispensation of the Halifax lodge be immediately requested previously to any thing being determined or agreed upon by the independent order.

III. That no lodge of the independent order ought to hold their lodge at a house where there is any other secret society held of any description whatever.

IV. That if any officer or brother draws his card or clearance from the lodge he belongs to, and if he does not deliver it in to another lodge in a fortnight, if he stops in town, he shall not be deemed a lawful brother, or be admitted into any lodge as a visitor. If he leaves town, and resides near where there is a lodge of the independent order, he must deliver it in there in the aforesaid time, or he will not be allowed to visit, or be deemed a lawful brother.

V. That every n. g. shall summons every brother that is in arrears ten shillings or upwards, and if he does not comply in paying something towards making it less, he shall not be admitted as a visitor in any lodge.

VI. That there shall be a committee called to fix upon proper

officers to go over to the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, to meet the officers of the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, at the time specified, Saturday night the 15th of this month.

Pass word---Alfred the Great.

Cash Received.

Friendship, Upper Mills, for book of lectures, 10s. 0d.

Grand Committee, Sept. 4th, 1817.

Resolved---I. That the Halifax lodge be regularly relieved until they have further information from the lodge they had their dispensasation from.

II. That every lodge in this district shall pay their quarterly payments up, between and next grand committee night, that the grand committee may be able to settle their accounts.

III. That there shall be a circular letter sent to the different lodges in this kingdom, shewing them the impropriety of giving cards to brothers at the time of their initiation, it having been discovered that some brothers have not joined their lodge after, but gone from one lodge to another, and by that means impose on the order.

IV. That two brothers from each of the following five lodges, viz. Aboukir, Alexander, Platoff, Prince Regent, and Blucher, shall meet

at the Golden Lion, in Ashton, where they will be met by two officers appointed by the grand committee, in order to investigate into the grievance existing between the Prince Regent and the Alexander lodges. P. p. g. m. Christie and sec. Tyas, of the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, are appointed to go over, as above stated, to meet at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Sunday next.

V. That the thanks of this grand committee be given the officers that composed the committee at Oldham, for settling of the business between the lodges of this district and the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, for their exertions and impartial conduct on that trying occasion.

VI. That the petition sent to this committee shall be read over every grand committee night, for three months, before the said petition shall be decided upon.

VII. That any lodge wanting the use of the regalia belonging to the order, for a funeral or an anniversary, shall apply to the d. g. m. who will give the lodge so applying a note to the cor. sec. for their delivery, and they shall return them in four days; if any injury be done to the regalia, the lodge so borrowing them shall make them good at their own expence.

Pass word---John, the beloved.

Cash Received.

Combermere,	1 quarter - - - - - -	1s. 6d.
Clarence,	2 do. and 1 making - -	4s. 0d.
Platoff,	2 do - - - - - - - -	3s. 0d.

Aboukir,	3 quarters - - - - - -	1s. 6d.
Devonshire,	3 do. - - - - - -	4s. 6d.
Glossop,	2 do. - - - - - -	3s. 0d.
Good Samaritan,	2 do. - - - - - -	3s. 0d.

Committee, Sept. 10th, 1817.

Resolved---I. That p. p. g. m. Christie, and d. g. m. Mansall be appointed to go over in the morning, to see if they cannot settle the business between the Briton's Pride lodge and their late host, Ashworth, their expences to be paid by the grand committee. This committee was composed of one or more officers from every lodge in this town.

II. That the funeral fund shall be balanced up, and that the officers, as under, be appointed to look them over, to settle them, and see how it stands, viz.

Treasurer Hall, of the Nelson lodge.
P. g. Bell, sec. to the fund, Victory do.
Cor. sec. Hignett, Abercrombie do.
Sec. Tyas, do. do.

The above four to be in a room by themselves, so that they may not be interrupted by any noise, &c. that might otherwise occur.

The other officers or brothers, from the various lodges, to be in a different room to the four appointed, and as soon as the books are

settled, to be brought to them, and read over to the satisfaction of all present.

Grand Committee, Oct. 2nd, 1817.

Resolved---I. In regard to the grievance between p. g. Brierley, of the Butterworth lodge, and brother Binns, it was agreed, after a long debate, that some officers go over from Manchester, to take the sense of their own lodge; n. g. Evans, p. g. Davies, and v. g. Fish, volunteered to go over next Saturday evening, at their own expence, and p. g. Winterbottom to meet them there.

II. That every n. g, of the different lodges shall exert himself in behalf of the Collingwood lodge, Bury, to support them in their anniversary on the 20th of this month, and to give a statement to d. g. m. Mansall, as soon as possible, of the number from the different lodges that mean to go.

III. That the resolutions of the committee held at the Clarence lodge, No. 3, Sept. 21, 1817, be confirmed and sanctioned by this grand committee; and that p. g. Bayley, of the Clarence lodge, No. 3, shall not be admitted into any lodge of the independent order for six months.

IV. That if any officer or brother persuades any gentleman who wishes to become a brother of the order, to join any lodge in preference to another, he shall be fined ten shillings for the first offence, and for the second to be expelled. This resolution is an amendment to the 37th article.

V. That this committee recommend the attention of the lodges in the Manchester district, for the axe to go round one lodge night, leaving it to the brothers of the independent order what they can afford to give to brother Kennedy, towards relieving him in his present distressed situation.

Pass word---Ira, a Watchman.

Cash Received.

Faithful,	6 quarters	9s. 0d.
Bury,	5 do.	7s. 6d.
Albion, lecture		10s. 0d.
Bishop Blaze, do.		7s. 6d.
St. George,	6 quarters	9s. 0d.
Duke of York,	1 do.	1s. 6d.
Nelson Ball,	3 do.	4s. 6d.
Wellington,	3 do.	4s. 6d.
Devonshire,	2 do.	3s. 0d.
Albion,	1 do.	1s. 6d.
Middleton,		5s. 0d.

Paid this Night.

Delegates to Rochdale, two days	0l. 12s 10d.
Rochdale lodge	2l. 0s. 0d.
Postage	0l. 0s. 5d.

Grand Committee, Nov. 6th, 1817.

Resolved I. That if any thing disagreeable occurs in any lodge, between officers or brothers if they cannot settle it in their own lodge, they must call a meeting of three officers of their own lodge, who are disinterested, and three officers from the two next neighbouring lodges, who shall decide upon the business, without troubling the grand committee therewith; and that a deposit shall be made, by both the parties, of five shillings each, previously to calling the meeting, and the person found guilty or faulty, to forfeit his deposit, towards defraying the expences incurred.

II. That instead of the grand committee meeting every month, it shall meet for business every three months in future, to commence next monthly committee night, which is the regular quarterly night.

III. That the Mermaid lodge, Hackney, London, shall have the books of lectures at prime cost, and that they charge them what they think proper to the other lodges in London; and that there be a letter sent to the Mermaid lodge, informing them of our resolutions, and likewise for them to enquire if there is a person of the name of Bellingham, who was regularly initiated into the Hanoverian lodge, held at the Globe, Strand, eighteen years ago, and if he left that lodge as a worthy character.

IV. That p. g. Brierley's charge against brother Binns, of the Butterworth lodge, is unfounded; and being a breach of the twenty-ninth article of the general rules, he is sentenced, by this committee, to the fine there stated, to be paid to the grand committee, according to the thirty-first article.

Pass word---Abercrombie in Egypt.

Cash Received.

Wellington, 4 makings- . . .	4s. 0d.
Waterloo, 3 quarters and 1 making .	5s. 6d.
Nelson, 2 quarters	3s. 0d.

Grand Commitee, Dec. 4th, 1817.

Resolved---I. That the funeral obsequies, and the new charge to be delivered by a p. g. at the initiation of a gentleman, shall be printed under the superintendance of five officers, to be chosen from different lodges.

II. That the axe shall go round in every lodge in this district, to assist the Collingwood lodge, Bury, in their present low situation; and this committee recommends the officers and brothers of that lodge to adopt measures for shutting up their fund, until they can get out of debt, and bring themselves into a state of independency.

III. That it is the opinion of this committee, that brother Owen, of the Cumberland lodge, has a claim upon that lodge, the time of his having joined, that six months, he having been sick before the time, and being waited upon by n. g. Bumby, to whom he offered his pence, but he refused, saying, it might be deducted from his allowance.

IV. That d. g. m. Mansal, n. g. Tyas, and p. g. Evans, shall go over to Oldham, to investigate into the cause why the officers and brothers of the Duke of York lodge, Oldham, wish to remove their lodge.

V. That the Prince Regent lodge, Glossop, and the Alexander, Hadfield, shall belong to the Manchester district, to settle the dispute between the two lodges with regard to which shall be No. 1 of another district.

VI. That Peter Ormrod's business shall be investigated at Oldham at the same time; d. g. m. Mansall, p. g. Evans, and n. g. Tyas, shall go over on Sunday, Dec, 7, 1817.

VII. Abraham Ogden is expelled from the Duke of York, Oldham on account of his having committed a burglary.

Pass—Bethesda, the House of Mercy.

Committee, Jan. 2nd, 1818, *held at the request of the Officers and Brothers of the Cumberland lodge.*

PRESENT:

N. G, John Tyas, Abercrombie, No. 1.
N. G. James Blewer, Clarence.
D. G. M. James Mansall, Abercrombie, No. 1.
P. G. Jabez Seal, Clarence.
P. G. John Ormrod, do.

N. G. Thomas Howard, Nelson, No. 7.
P. G. William Barnes, Devonshire, No. 16.
V. G. Thomas Booth, Faithful, No. 20.
Tr. Thomas Hignett, Abercrombie, No. 1.
N. G. Thomas Bumby, Cumberland lodge.
V. G. Benjamin Manchester, do.
Sec. John Brown, do.
P. G. Marsden, do.

Resolved---I. That brother Owen has no legal claim upon the Cumberland lodge, for his sickness, it appearing from their books that he was four lodge nights in arrears, at the time he was taken ill, and was one month short of being a full member, according to the bye laws of the said Cumberland lodge.

II. That the Huddersfield lodge be written to in regard to the book of lectures, and that they shall have a book of lectures from the grand committee, by paying the sum of ten shillings and sixpence for the same; but they must first return that part of them which they copied from p. g. Brierley's book, of the Butterworth lodge, and they must also agree to abide by the laws passed at this committee, with regard to brothers receiving the different degrees; that is, that a brother shall be initiated three months before he receives the first degree, six months before he receives the blue, or second degree, and twelve months before he receives the scarlet, or priestly order; and any brother wishing to receive any of the above degrees, to give notice of his so doing three lodge nights before he receives it, in order that the officers and brothers of the lodge may judge whether or not the brother is a proper person and fit to receive it.

Pass word---A Friend, upon my Hon[illegible]r.

Grand Committee, March 5th, 1818.

Resolved--I. That the Good Intent lodge, Rochdale, shall open a lodge at John Kershaw's, the sign of the Boar's Head, New Church, Rosendale, to be opened on Saturday the 14th of this month.

II. That no brother shall give a vote in the lodge, nor be admitted, unless he comes with an intent to pay up, or pay something towards making his arrears less, to come within the limits of the 31st article.

III. That the Prince of Wales lodge, Mossley, and the Friendship lodge, Upper Mills, shall neither of them open a lodge at Delph.

IV. That the Princess Charlotte lodge, Barnsley, shall have every information that they require, concerning the rules and articles of the independent order of odd fellows, by paying reasonable expences.

V. That no brother shall be initiated into the order of independent odd fellows, above the age of forty years; as an amendment to the 41st article.

VI. That the honours of the order shall not be given in any lodge for harmony, sentiment, or any thing of the same nature, unless it be for something that is for the benefit or good of the lodge, or the order in general, as it was never meant for any thing of the kind at the first.

Pass word--Waterloo, Wellington's Victory.

Combermere, Stockport,	1 quarter -	1s. 6d.
Clarence,	2 makings -	2s. 0d.
Aboukir, Ashton,	1 quarter -	1s. 6d.
Good Samaritan,	1 quarter -	1s. 6d.
Nelson, 1 quarter and 1 making	- -	2s. 6d.
Vittoria, Ashton, 2 quarters-	- -	3s. 0d.
Do. do. 19 brothers' sixpences	-	9s. 6d.
British Crown, Lees, 2 quarters	- -	3s. 0d.
Good Intent,	1 quarter - -	1s. 6d.
Albion,	1 quarter - -	1s. 6d.
Hope Lodge, New Church, lectures	-	7s. 6d.

Grand Committee, April 23rd, 1818.

Resolved---I. That all books of lectures shall, for the future, be charged one pound one shilling, to any lodge out of the district, and to have a book of charges and makings along with them, together with a book of articles.

II. That the Hackney lodge, London, shall be written to, saying, that we have a minute passed at a grand committee held here, by which it is ordered, that for the future all lecture books sent to any lodge out of this district, shall be charged one pound one shilling, as the different lodges in this district pay a good deal more than that sum; they pay sixpence per brother, and when a lodge consists of sixty brothers, they pay one pound ten shillings for them, and in this case they find them-

selves aggrieved, as they have been at a great expence in forming them, and we have a deal of applications for them from distant lodges.

III. That the school articles, from London, shall go round from lodge to lodge, in this town, and the lodge that receives them to hand them to the next following lodge after their lodge night, or be fined five shillings for neglect.

Committee, May 9th, 1818.

Resolved---I. That for the great exertion and expence which d. g. m. Mansall has always been at during his time of being d. g. m. each and every lodge in this district shall subscribe what they please, every officer and brother in each lodge, but not less than two pence each, as much more as they please, and the money to be paid when received to d. g. m. Mansall, and he to buy what sort of a medal he may think proper, and the remainder of the money to be given to him; the money to be paid, if possible, by the first Thursday in June, quarterly committee night.

II. That every lodge in this district shall use every exertion to subscribe what they can to defray a loss that brother Cooper has sustained, by a character who belonged to the Victory lodge, who got play tickets from him to the amount of six pounds four shillings, which was a clear loss to him of one half that sum, which he had to pay to the manager out of his own pocket. The country lodges to subscribe

what they can, and send it as speedily as possible to the cor. sec. or to d. g. m. Mansall.

The character's name is Thomas Painter, he is 22 years of age, and about five feet four inches high.

Grand Committee, June 4th, 1818.

Resolved---I. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, shall open a lodge at brother Richard Boden's, the sign of the Colliers' Arms, near Hollingwood, to be called the Royal Miners lodge of independent odd fellows, to be opened on the 27th of June, 1818.

II. That there be a procession at the Albion lodge, near Littleborough, on the third Tuesday in August; as many as can make it convenient are desired to attend.

III. That William Chapman, of the British Crown lodge, Lees, is expelled the order.

IV. That the Hope lodge, Rosendale, shall come under this district.

V. That the committee, at Ashton, concerning two officers being fined ten shillings and sixpence each, be sanctioned by this committee; p. g. Crossland and n. g. Helm the two fined.

VI. That brother John Cooke, of the Abonkir lodge, shall be

fined in the sum of seven shillings, for a false accusation, accordin to the 24th article.

P. G. Taylor, of the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, is appointed to d. g. m.

Pass word---Alfred, Good Prince.

Cash Received

Nelson,	1 quarter - - -	1s. 6d.
Devonshire,	2 do, - - - -	3s. 0d.
Albion,	1 do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Loyal Fox,	1do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Clarence,	1 do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Do.	1 making - - -	1s. 0d.
Vittoria,	1 quarter - - -	1s. 6d.
Collinwood,	2 do. - - - -	3s. 0d.
Butterworth,	2 do. - - - -	3s. 3d.
Combermere,	1 do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Good Intent,	1 do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Hope,	1 do. - - - -	1s. 6d.
Nelson Ball,	3 do. - - - -	4s. 6d.
Duke of York,	2 do. - - - -	3s. 0d.

Cash received for D. G. M. Mansall's Medal, per Tr. Hignett.

Devonshire,	7s. 6d.	Nelson -	12s. 0d.
Wellington,	7s. 0d.	Cumberland-	6s. 0d.
Nelson Ball,	10s. 0d.	Victory, -	10s. 0d.

Grand Committee, Sept. 3rd, 1818.

Resolved.---I. That a lodge be opened by the Prince of Wales lodge, Mossley, at the house of brother Edmund Swallows, Royal Oak, Staley Wood, to be called the King Charles the Second, to be opened on the 5th. Nov. next; at the same time there will be a procession at the Prince of Wales lodge, at twelve o'clock.

II. That every n. g. brings in writing to the grand Committee the name of the n. g. of the lodge he belongs for the time being.

III. That the Combermere lodge, Stockport, open a lodge at the house of Thomas Brooks, the Bull Inn, Burnley, to be called the Industry lodge.

IV. That the Loyal Fox lodge, Bolton, open a lodge at the house of King's Head, Chowbent, to be called the Loyal Defiance.

V. That the grand committee meetings be held quarterly as usual.

VI. That the d. g. m. choses his own lodge that he may wish to belong to.

VII. That the d. g. m. shall receive one shilling from each lodge he may visit, except his own lodge.

Pass word---Melchizadeck, King of Salem.

Grand Committee, Dec. 3rd, 1815.

Resolved---I. That d. g. m, Taylor, and p. g. Brooks, of the Combermere lodge, Stockport, go over to Burnley, on Monday the 21st, December instant, in order to decide whether n. g. Whittam or sec. Robinson is entitled to the n. g.'s chair of the Industry lodge, Burnley.

II. That none of the brothers belonging to the Nottingham, Derby and Belper lodges be relieved with their present mode of granting them initiation cards when they are made, and likewise for their not relieving our brothers when upon travel, although they have regular cards and clearances.

III. That at funeral processions nothing but maces, sashes and aprons be used.

IV. That brother Ivison, of the Clarence lodge, No. 3, be allowed to print and sell invitation cards, with the names of the different lodges in this district, where held at, and the time of holding their lodges.

V. That the prayers at the opening and closing of the lodges be abolished.

Pass word---Abraham, Father of the Faithful.

Quarterly Committee, March 4th, 1819.

Resolved—I. That the England's Glory lodge, Middleton, is reported by the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, as having received brothers into their lodge, under the age of twenty years, and also for receiving a proposition for a young man aged 18.

II. That any lodge receiving a brother from another lodge to join theirs, without a proper clearance from the lodge he belonged to, shall be fined one pound.

III. That James Cropper, of the Collingwood lodge, Bury, be expelled the order, for improper conduct and non-compliance, and that William Kay, of the same lodge, be not admitted into any lodge of the independent order.

IV. That no bye-laws or book of lectures, be sent to the Glasgow lodge, and that the cor. sec. write to inform them, that if a n. g. or p. g. will come over here, they may have them by paying the sum of one pound one shilling.

V. The Hope lodge, Newchurch, intend to have their anniversary and procession on Easter Monday, at the house of brother Kershaw, the Boar's Head, Newchurch, Rosendale.

VI. That the Stockport lodge shall open a lodge at Blackburn.

VII. That the Burnley lodge shall have a book of lectures this night, to be given to the n. g. attending this committee, which was delivered and paid for.

VIII. That the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1, be removed from the Bull's Head, Greengate, Salford, to brother Wm. Olerenshaw's, Royal Oak, Chapel-street, Salford.

IX. That for the future all letters be addressed to T. Hignett, at William Olerenshaw's, as above, where all brothers upon travel will be relieved as usual, by the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1.

X. That brother Burtinshaw, of the Nelson lodge, No. 7, be fined one pound for his misconduct in bringing a person into the lodge room who did not belong to the order, when duly opened, and deceiving the guardian.

XI. That the Waterloo lodge shall open a lodge at brother Nathan Eckersley's, Unicorn, Spindle Point, Kearsley Moor, on Saturday the 20th March, 1819.

XII. That for the future, if any lodge of the independent order of odd fellows, admits any person or persons into the lodge, who does not belong to the order, when the lodge is duly opened, they shall be fined in the sum of one pound.

XIII. That the next quarterly committee be held on Saturday in the race week, at the house of brother Wm. Olerenshaw, Royal Oak, Chapel-street, Salford.

Pass word---Hope, the Anchor of the Soul.

PROPOSITIONS :

For G. M---P. D. G. M. Mansall. Proposed by p. g. Howarth, seconded by n. g. Howard.

For D. G. M.---D. G. M. Howarth, P. G. Tyas, P. G. Thomas Edwards, and P. G. Clegg.

Grand Committee, June 5th, 1819.

Resolved---I. That none but elective officers and past electives attend grand committees.

II. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, shall open a lodge at Paul Cooper's, Miners' Arms, Moorside, to be called the Providence lodge of independent odd fellows, to be opened on the 19th day of July, 1819.

III. That a committee be called respecting the grievance between the Aboukir lodge, Ashton, and their late host, and that the officers appointed as under do meet on Saturday evening next, at seven o'clock, at the Vittoria lodge, or be fined five shillings for non-attendance.

Officers appointed to attend the above committee : P. g. M'Lemale, n. g. Armitt, p. g. Stonehewer, p. g. Kirk, p. g. Manchester, n. g. Howard, p. g. Holgate, n. g. Dronefield, and p. g. Clegg.

II. That the Oldham lodges, and those adjacent, shall be at liberty to hold a committee, and settle their own disputes; and that their representative shall have a vote for each lodge, in the Manchester grand committee.

III. That p. g. Buckley, of the British Crown lodge, Lees, is exonerated from the charge of selling tea and coffee without a licence.

IV. That the British Crown lodge, Lees, shall open a lodge at the house of G. Shaw, the White Lion, Delph, in Saddleworth, to be called the National Arms lodge.

V. That v. g. Whitehead, British Crown lodge, is guilty of a false accusation against a committee called for the purpose of examining the conduct of brother Ormrod, of the lodge (now expelled) that he be fined in the sum of seven shillings, but that the same be mitigated to two shillings and sixpence, and reprimanded; the fine was paid.

VI. That p. cor. sec. Hignett is appointed cor. sec., sec. Lilley resigned.

VII. That p. g. Howard, of the Nelson lodge, No. 7, be appointed d. g. master, p. g. Thomas Edwards resigned.

VIII. That brother Whittam, of the Albion, be expelled the order, until he has paid the fines and arrears due to the lodge.

IX. That the Abercrombie grand lodge, No 1, shall open a lodge at Wigan, (particulars to be had hereafter)

old number granted to them again, to lie over till next quarterly night, and to send their statement in, in writing, seven days previous to the next quarterly night.

IV. That the quarterly committees shall be held for the future, the two winter quarters on Saturday nights, and the two summer quarters on Thursday nights, to meet at five o'clock; the officers belonging to the grand committee to attend at the time specified, or be fined, unless they send a sufficient apology, the two principal officers two shillings and sixpence each, and the inferior officers one shilling each.

V. That p. g. William Armitt, of the Wellington lodge, be left hand supporter to d. g. master, p. g. Shelmerdine having resigned.

VI. That the Devonshire lodge's petition, in regard to travelling rothers, lie over, and to have a committee called of the Manchester lodges, by the g. m. to settle the business.

VII. That unless p. g. Whalley, of the Middleton lodge, makes good his charge against the Nelson lodge, for making a person under age, of the name of Thomas Lea, he shall be fined for a false accusation.

VIII. That all the lodges shall, if they think proper, get security from the host of their own lodge, for any thing they may intrust with him, or in his house, belonging to the lodge, as the representatives from the different lodges think it not right for any lodge to expect or receive any subscription from the other lodges, for any loss that may be sustained

on that account, so long as they have it in their power to order it otherwise themselves, without troubling other lodges.

Pass word---Compass, the Mariner's Guide.

Grand Committee, March 4th, 1820.

Resolved---I. That the Vittoria, Ashton, shall be No. 5, according to agreement, being their old number.

II. That a committee be called to form an address, to be sent to his Majesty King George the Fourth, congratulating him on his accession to the throne, from the different lodges in the Lancashire district.

III. That there shall be one from every lodge, appointed to attend this committee, to be appointed by their lodge, to meet at eleven o'clock on Sunday the 12th day of this month, at the Abercrombie grand lodge, No. 1.

IV. That any lodge may be at liberty to make a person that belongs to any other secret society, provided he be a good character.

V. That the request or petition from the Rochdale lodge shall lie over until a further hearing at the next grand committee.

VI. That the circumstance of the Devonshire lodge making a person who had just come out of the New Bayley, and the Waterloo

lodge making a person who lives in Bury, be brought on next grand committee.

VII. That every person that is made shall pay the whole of his initiation money before he receives the *grip*.

VIII. That the Nelson lodge shall open a lodge at the house of William Hodgson, the Grapes, Oxford Road.

Pass word---Odd Wishes to Odd Fellows.

Committee, March 12th, 1820.

Resolved---I. That the address to the King, now read by sec. Hardman, be adopted, and that the same shall be signed by g. m. Mansall and cor. sec. Hignett, on behalf of this committee.

II. That the address be published in Wheeler's and Cowdroy's papers, Manchester, and the Times paper, London.

III. That the thanks of the committee be given to sec. Isaac Hardman, for preparing the address.

IV. That the expences incurred be paid out of the funds of the grand committee.

V. That sec. Isaac Hardman, of the Cumberland lodge, be ap-

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Address and Condolence

TO

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FOURTH,

March 13, 1820.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, your Majesly's most dutiful and loyal subjects' the Loyal and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for Lancashire, in Grand Committee assembled, beg leave to approach your Throne with assurances of our Sorrow and Condolence, on the loss of your Roya Father, our late venerable Sovereign, under whom we have enjoyed unmolested our rights and privileges. We have admired the dignified tenor of his conduct, during a series of years, unprecedented in the annals of the history of this country.

The death of his most gracious Majesty, was an event your Majesty, in common with the nation, might expect, having attained such an advanced age, and hence we trust your Majesty will endeavour to be reconciled, and guided by those sacred principles, which teach us to be grateful to the great Sovereign of the universe, for blessing us so long with a revered Monarch, confident he has left his earthly crown to wear a more glorious one in the regions of eternal bliss. We are truly thankful to the Almighty, for having partially restored you to health, after your heavy afflictions, and sincerely hope, we may ere long, hear

yonr complete restoration. We also beg to assure your Majesty of ur loyalty and devotion to your Crown and Government, and of our vely interest therein, and of our earnest zeal to promote whatever ill advance the honour, happiness and dignity thereof.

That the Omnipotent Being may long preserve your Majesty's life, id make your reign happy, prosperous and peaceable, are the fervent ayers of the Loyal Independent Odd Fellows of Lancashire, and we e bold to say, of the Independent Order in general.

Signed by Order of the Grand Committee,

J. MANSALL, Prov. G. M.

COPY OF A LETTER SEND TO LORD SIDMOUTH.

May it please your Lordship,

I have the honour of transmitting to your Lordp, the dutiful Address and Condolence of the Loyal Independent der of Odd Fellows, for the County of Lancaster, to his most graci- s Majesty, King George the Fourth, in hopes your Lordship will e an early opportunity of presenting the same to his Majesty,

under an assurance that there is not a more numerous, better regulated, or loyal order in this county.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's mo. obt. humb. servant,

THOMAS HIGNETT, Cor. Sec.

Royal Oak, Salford, Manchester, March 13, 1820.

To the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Sidmouth,
his Majesty Secretary of State for the
Home Department.

LORD SIDMOUTH'S ANSWER TO THE FOREGOING ADDRESS.

Whitehall, 25th March, 1820.

SIR,

I have had the honour to lay before the King the very loyal and dutiful Address of the Loyal Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Lancashire: And I have to inform you, that his Majesty was graciously pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obt. humble servt.

SIDMOUTH.

To Thos. Hignett, Esq. Royal Oak,
Salford, Manchester.

Special Committee, June 8th, 1820.

Resolved—I. That p. g. Fryer and host Scholes, of the Waterloo lodge, be each fined in the sum of seven shillings, for false accusations, agreeably to the 24th article of the general laws, which fines are to be paid on or before their third lodge night next coming, and which fines shall go towards defraying the expences of this committee: and that p. g. Fryer be debarred from attending the two next quarterly committees, for his abusive conduct on the last committee night.

Special Committee, held at the England's Glory lodge, Buck Inn, Middleton, the 23rd of July, 1820.

President d. p. g. m. Simpson, vice president, p. d. p. g. m. Howarth.

Brother Smith, of this lodge, having been found guilty of using illiberal, profane and abusive language, and his general conduct being considered by this committee to have been highly unbecoming a member of the independent order of odd fellows, is sentenced as follows:

That brother Smith be suspended from joining this lodge, and all others of the independent order, for twelve months, but at the expiration be admitted, if his conduct in the mean time be such as is by the majority of the lodge considered to warrant it; but that he be debarred from taking any office for the space of two years, even if again permitted to join the lodge.

and sent by him to the Prince's lodge, Pimlico, and such other lodges as he may think fit, that a copy thereof be entered on our journals, and that he inform the London lodges, that Hugh Hastles, by trade a tailor, is an expelled character.

IV. That the officers and brothers of the Duke of York lodge, Preston, have the thanks of this committee, for their good conduct, particularly for conducting such an orderly procession.

V. That the Royal Pilot lodge, Chorley, be allowed to open a lodge at Over Darwin, if the Blackburn lodge has no objection, and that the cor. sec. write to Blackburn concerning it.

VI. That the Royal George lodge, Spindle Point, be allowed to open a lodge at Blakeley, at the house of brother E. Whittaker, the Golden Lion Inn, to be called the Queen Caroline.

VII. That every lodge in the district send to the cor. sec. the dates of their respective dispensations, in order to arrange the numbers of each lodge.

In consequence of the resignation of d. g. m. Simpson, p. g. Myers was elected.

Pass word---Juda, Strength.

might be imagined, in making our order one of the best in the kingdom, and establishing lodges throughout, on one general principle, if our London and other friends would give their assistance. Be assured we shall, at all times, be ready and willing to adopt whatever may be laid down, as a general principle, if consistent. I therefore propose that there be a GRAND LODGE appointed somewhere, from whence shall be sent, quarterly, the minutes, or such rules and regulations as may be adopted by past grands and present officers of the order in general from any lodge in strict compliance with the rules. This system is already acted upon in many districts, but I think it ought to be general. There will, undoubtedly, be difficulties and prejudices to encounter, in the infancy of such an arrangement; yet the certain benefit of the adoption, to the community at large, would, in a short time, remove them.

From what I hear of the London method of admitting strangers, I am afraid they countenance and suffer much imposition. If a character were expelled in Manchester for bad conduct, even though he might be a past grand, he would not be suffered, nor allowed to enter any lodge in this district, until he had atoned, or in some way satisfied the lodge from which he was expelled; yet he might, I understand, find easy admittance into the London lodges, and, by false representations, prey upon their bounty. In this district we allow no initiation cards. If a brother leave the town, or wish to join another lodge, we then give him (provided he has paid all dues and demands) a certificate that he is clear on the books, without which he would not be admitted. We have a quarterly pass word, which is only given to legal brothers, and that on asking the n. g. for it. Should a brother forget it, and wish to join a lodge for the evening, he sends his name into the room and desires admittance without it; if he be known to be legal, he is

tion, imposed on by artful, designing bad men, whose professions a conduct, have, for a time, seemed consistent, but who, as the Pc says, could "smile, and smile, and *murder* as they smile !"---I en not their feelings.

Supposing a quarterly pass word given, or sent with the minutes such lodges only as are in strict compliance with the order, and others refused, no one could long practice imposition; for, should character get a card, clearance, degrees, and other matters requi for introduction, in places where he is not known, he could not ma use of them without the pass word.

I further propose, that districts be formed---a No. 1, or GRA LODGE, appointed for the district, by consent of the grand master committee of past grands and the present presiding officers, from rious lodges in the district, division or neighbourhood, who shall in the different lodges to join them in the reliefs, or pay each an eq share thereto, monthly, or as they may agree. By this regulation, would pay alike, and the lodge refusing regular deserving charact not to have the pass word, and their names sent to every lodge in c pliance, so that *none of their members be admitted*, until they com A fine agreeably to what shall be considered equivalent to the offe might be imposed.

It may so happen, that a brother may leave a town, without pecting to be long absent, who will not, on that consideration, t out a card and clearance; yet he ought not to be allowed to join a ther lodge, except as a mere visitor, until he produce a card

clearance, to the satisfaction of the officers and brethren of the lodge, which he wishes to enter.

Submitting these Proposals to your consideration,

I remain, in the bonds of F. L. & T.

Your most obt. Servant,

Isaac Hardman,

COR. SEC.

This letter has caused a few individuals in London, for the purpose of gain, to form what they call "Grand Lodge of England," of which more will hereafter be said. Lodges and individuals are cautioned not to be duped by them as they are an illegal body.

Special Committee, Nov. 1st, 1820.

G. M. Mansall, president---P. G. Bumby, vice.

Resolved---I. That p. sec. Collins be expelled the order for embezzling the regalia of his lodge, brother Wooley's money, 17s. 6d. overcharging two shillings for lettering board, in charging the lodge four shillings when p. g. Seal only charged two shillings, and sundry other offences.

II. That the Devonshire lodge be allowed to open a lodge at the

house of brother John Yates, the Duke of York, Eccles, to be called the Britannia.

Grand Committee, Dec. 2nd, 1820.

Resolved---I. That the Spectator lodge, Blackburn, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Wm. Sawyer, the Dog and Partridge, Clitheroe, to be called the Royal Castle.

II. That the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, deserve reproof for their intemperate letters and conduct, and that the Victory, or King George the Fourth lodge, and all the officers and brothers thereof, be considered legal to all intents and purposes, if they make a tender of their arrears to the Philanthropic; such arrears to be calculated up to the time they left the Philanthropic.

III. That n. g. Buckley be appointed to enquire respecting the money subscribed for the law expences of brother Metcalf, late of the Philanthropic lodge, and report the result.

IV. That a deputation be appointed to enquire into, and settle, the disputes between the Aboukir, Vittoria, Platoff and Blucher lodges, Ashton, to consist of p. g. Derbyshire, p. g. W. Armitt, p. g. M'Lamale, p. g. Edwards, and cor. sec. Hardman, to meet at H. Shaw's, the Golden Lion, Ashton, on Sunday the 17th day of Dec. inst.

V. That Thomas Hague, shoe maker, late of the Loyal Pilot lodge, Chorley, be expelled, and not allowed to enter any lodge of the independent order.

VI. That all lodges send the dates of their respective dispensations, within six weeks from this date, or be fined 2s. 6d.

VII. That an increase of the salary of the cor. sec. be submitted to the country lodges, in consideration of his writing the minutes for every lodge, and other extra business.

VIII. That p. sec. Collins, late of the Cumberland lodge, be expelled the order, for embezzlement, and not allowed to enter any lodge of the independent order.

IX. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to brothers Westall and Leach, for the care and attention they have paid to the printing of the Lecture Books.

X. That any person, if of good character and above the age of twenty-one, be allowed to join the order, though under indenture or articles.

XI. That all fines imposed at a general or special committee shall go to the order in general, or to the expences of such committee, and not to any particular lodge.

Special Committee, held at Ashton, Dec. 17th, 1820.

Resolved—I. That the Aboukir have brought a false accusation against the Vittoria, in stating two brothers to have been taken as

members of the Vittoria, without card and clearance, for which they are fined seven shillings, agreeably to article 34.

II. That the Vittoria lodge were justified in recommending the Aboukir to settle their differences with the late host Chadwick.

III. That p. g. Marland deserves reproof for his intemperate conduct at the last quarterly committee for travelling reliefs.

IV. That a deputation of two p. gs. from Manchester, and one from each of the Ashton lodges, wait on late host Chadwick, to know on what terms the dispute or balance of account between him and the Aboukir can be accommodated. The deputation to consist of p. g. Derbyshire, p. g. m. M'Lamale, p. g Garside, p g. Howgate, n. g. Walker and sec. Smith, and that the deputation be authorised to make an offer not exceeding thirteen pounds.

Chadwick refused to compromise matters.

Special Committee, Jan. 7th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That the Washington lodge, Baltimore, North America, be allowed a dispensation from the Abercrombie g. l. but the profits thereof to go to the grand committee. They are likewise allowed lecture book, bye laws, and articles, and that John Yates be written to, in answer to the American letters, desiring his attendance at Manchester, from Liverpool, or if he cannot attend, to desire he will send an answer by return, to know if an officer must go to meet him at

Special Committee, Jan. 25th, 1822.

Resolved---I. That the books of the Prince of Wales lodge Chester, be inspected by a deputation to consist of their present secretary, the present past secretary, and the last p. g. of the Wellington lodge, and the dispensation and regalia shall go with, or be retained by, a majority of the members of the Prince of Wales lodge ; the members who will be allowed to vote on the occasion, are to be clear and straight on the books, agreeably to the 31st article of the general printed laws ; the minority to be allowed a dispensation from any lodge they choose.

Grand Committee, March 3rd, 1821.

Resolved---I. That the thanks of this Committee be given to the Leeds district for their kind attention to the interest of the order, and the information communicated through their cor. sec.

II. That the Albion lodge be allowed to open a lodge at Horsecroft, near Rochdale, under the name of the Milton lodge, at the house of Samnel Aspinall, sign of the Dog and Partridge, on Easter Monday next.

III. That the Aboukir lodge, Ashton, be allowed to open a lodge at Denton, if the Benevolent and Vittoria lodges have no objection.

IV. That the Good Samaritan lodge be allowed to open a lodge at brother James Higginbottom's, Dog and Partridge, New Mills, Derbyshire, on the 31st day of March next, to be called the Rose of Sharon.

Special Committee, March 15th, 1821.

Resolved—I. That the Newtonian lodge, Over Darwen, and brother James Noble Kershaw, be summoned to attend the next quarterly committee, to shew cause why the said Newtonian lodge have expelled the said James Noble Kershaw, without hearing.

II. That the minutes of this committee be printed with the last quarterly ones.

III. That a letter be sent to the Huddersfield, Sutton, and Mansfield lodges, stating that the Mansfield lodge have acted with propriety in treating the characters sitting at Sutton without dispensation, (as illegal) and to warn the Huddersfield lodge not to allow a dispensation under present circumstances.

IV. That the England's Glory and Queen Caroline lodges be summoned to the next quarterly committee to state their greivances, and, in the mean time, that they be desired to receive and pay visits to and from each other, unless the characters of such visitors are objected to.

V. That g. m. Mansall hold the remainder of the lecture books.

VI. The Vittoria and Benevolent lodges having shewn cause to the satisfaction of the committee, why a lodge should not be opened at Denton: Resolved, that such lodge be not opened, but that the Vittoria be allowed further time to open a lodge at the house of brother Whitehead at Hooley Hill, and that the Platoff lodge, Ashton, be written to, to the effect that the usage of this district has established a law, that

the lodge first applied to and receiviug a grant from a grand, or general committee of past grands, be allowed to open the same.

VII. That the Aboukir lodge, Ashton, be hereby reprimanded, for stating that the funeral committee had rescinded the minutes of the special committee called at the Platoff, to settle the disputes of the Ashton district. (The funeral committee having confirmed the resolutions of the said committee.) And for further stating, contrary to fact, that the Vittoria lodge had refused to open a lodge at Hooley Hill.

VIII. That the cor. sec. bring forward, on each quarterly committee, a regular report of the receipts and disbursements, which shall be printed and circulated half-yearly to all the lodges of the district in compliance.

IX. That each of the Manchester lodges pay 2s. 6d. per quarter; country lodges 1s. 6d. and pay their own postages, or have such postages placed to their accounts, and the initiation-moneys to the grand committee to be done away with.

X. That the corresponding secretary's salary be increased to six pounds per annum.

Special Grand Committee, May 30th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That James Mansall Mellor, formerly of the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, and now of the Abercrombie grand lodge, Manchester, be summoned to attend the next quarterly committee, on

the charge of a second false accusation against g. m. Mansall; and that in the mean time he be suspended entering any lodge.

II. That any present or past officer, or brother, reflecting on the conduct of a grand committee, or special committee of past grands for the district, legally summoned, or in any way questioning its decisions, be subject to a fine of 5s. for the first offence, 7s. for the second, and for the third, expulsion.

III. That the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, be fined 7s. for a false accusation against g. m. Mansall, and p. d. Howard; and that they be suspended and not allowed travelling relief, nor to receive and pay visits, until such time such fine is paid, and they are brought to compliance.

IV. That p. g. Smith Rowland, late of the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, was not legally expelled, and that the Victory, or King George the Fourth, are to all intents and purposes acknowledged a legal lodge, and deserve our assistance and support.

V. That the Collingwood lodge, Bury, be allowed to open a lodge at Ratcliffe Bridge, if the Constitution lodge, Cockey Moor, have no reasonable objection.

VI. That the thanks of this committee be given to cor. sec. Hardman, for his unremitted exertions and impartial conduct to the order in general.

Grand Quarterly Committee, June 7th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That James Mansall Mellor (having been fully heard) is guilty of a second false accusation against g. m. Mansall, and expelled the order.

II. That the expulsion of James Noble Kershaw, late of the Newtonian lodge, Over Darwin, be confirmed, and that the Newtonian and Spectator lodges have done their duty in expelling such a character.

III. That the Queen Caroline lodge, Blakeley, is, to all intents, a lodge legally opened, and that they deserve our support.

IV. That the Industry lodge, Mansfield, as mother lodge of the Sutton, in conjunction with the Wellington lodge, Huddersfield, have attended to their duty in an impartial way; and that the lodge held at the Swan inn, is the only legal lodge at Sutton, in Ashfield. That the Manchester officers, through false representations and correspondence, have been deceived, and induced to deliver a lecture book to characters from Sutton; and that the Mansfield lodge are commendable for suspending p. s. Randal, for his conduct in this business.

Special Grand Committee, 16*th June,* 1821.

Resolved---I. That the letters from Leeds, respecting the lodge assuming the name of the Caledonian lodge, Vicar-lane, be retained by the cor. sec. and that the Cobourg lodge be written to, stating, that the Manchester lodges have not sanctioned any letter, conveying an

idea that it is our intention to grant or sanction a dispensation to be granted at or near Leeds, believing the Leeds lodges competent to settle their own affairs, in a grand committee of the various lodges in their district.

II. That the Leicester letter now read be politely answered, stating that as we are at present unacquainted by what authority they sit as a lodge of the independent order, we are willing to give every information and assistance to them, if they bring or send proofs to satisfy us that we can interfere with justice to the independent order in general, and will, at their request, call a committee of past grands, to consider their claims, if they pay a sum not exceeding one pound towards the expence of such committee.

III. That the Prosperity lodge, Baxenden, be allowed to come under our protection, if they think fit, and can shew reasons at our next quarterly committee; and that they and the Ackrington lodge be invited and requested to attend, and that in the mean time their further requests be postponed.

IV. That the secretary of the Rose lodge, Heywood, be summoned to attend the next quarterly committee, to answer an accusation from p. g. Leach.

V. That p. g. M'Lamale be fined 5s. for intemperate and disorderly conduct.

VI. That the minutes of the last quarter be printed.

VII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given,

to the Ashton and neighbouring lodges, for their procession to Hooley Hill, and for their orderly conduct on the occasion.

VIII. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. master Mansall, for his uniform good conduct to the order in general, and for past services.

Officers Appointed.

For Grand Master---P. D. Wm. Armitt.
Deputy Grand Master---P. G. Thos. Armitt.
Cor. Secretary---N. G. Isaac Hardman.

Pass word---R5L65V5---D6STR5SS5D---8R5T3R57.

P. G. Rimmer and Henry Yates are expelled from the Victory lodge, Liverpool.

N. G. William Birch is expelled from the Defiance lodge, Chowbent.

P. G. Jackson expelled, and John Yates suspended six months, from the Royal George lodge, Spindle Point.

E. Sutcliffe expelled from the Faith lodge, Haslingden.

Joshua Hoyle expelled from the Hope lodge, Newchurch, for bad practices.

Special Committee, Aug. 17th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That n. g. Quinn's conduct, on his charge against p. g. M'Lamale was justifiable, and is approved of, and that he be allowed to take the title of p. g. Should the No. 1. or the g. l. not agree for him to take his chair again for the remainder of his sitting, and that the 7s. fine imposed on him at a private committee of the Abercrombie, on Sunday last, be rescinded.

II. That the No. 1. or Abercrombie g. l. have suspended n. g. Quinn from his chair, in a hasty, unmerited, and unjustifiable way, and they are highly censurable for their conduct on that occasion, and for neglecting their proper duties, and giving grand and special committees so much unnecessary trouble, by headstrong intemperate conduct.

III. That p. g. Simpson, be fined 5s. for his disorderly behaviour at this committee.

IV. That p. g. Holt, be fined 5s. for the same offence.

V. That p. g. George Newman, be fined 5s. for the same offence.

VI. That p. g. Simpson, be fined a second time 5s. for continued disorder and intemperance.

Grand Committee, Sept. 6th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That the fines of the order be inflicted at a grand or special committee of past grands in case of disorder, as if in open lodge.

II. That the Combermere lodge, Stockport, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of T. Bradley, Red Bull, Hillgate, to be called the Unity lodge.

III. That the Spectator lodge, Blackburn, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Bramley, Dog Inn, Whalley, near Clithero, to be called the Ancient Abbey lodge.

IV. That the Benevolent lodge, Hyde, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Ashton, sign of the Angel Inn, Mottram, to be called the Refuge.

V. That a dispensation be granted from this committee for Leicester, the lodge to be called the Lily of the Valley, or grand lodge of Leicestershire, to be held at the house of H. Smith, sign of King William III. Brown-street, Leicester.

VI. That the consideration of opening a lodge at Worsley, be postponed, until the next quarterly committee.

VII. That the Fox lodge, Bolton, shew a good example, and deserve the thanks of this committee, for fining their members if intoxicated or indecently dressed on the Sabbath-day, and that brother Walley, be allowed to throw his card into the Fox or any other lodge, his conduct not deserving expulsion.

VIII. That at Ashton and all other places where there are three lodges, within four miles, they be allowed to settle their own disputes, according to the rules of the order.

IX. That this committee be adjourned to Wednesday next.

Quarterly Committee, Sept. 12th, 1821.

Resolved --I. That the Newchurch district lodges be relieved as usual, so long as they act in compliance with the regulations of the order, but in future not to have our minutes on the terms proposed at the last committee.

II. That a dispensation be granted for a lodge to be opened at Shrewsbury, to be called the Salopian Hope, or grand lodge of Salop.

III. That for the future all dispensations be granted from grand committees of various lodges in the district, and the profits thereof go to defray the expences of the order in general, and not to any individual lodge.

Manchester, Oct. 8th, 1821.

To Wm. Armitt, G. M.

We, the present and past officers of the independent order of Odd Fellows, for the district of Manchester, request you to call a committee of past and present officers, from various lodges in the neighbourhood, to finish the business of the quarterly committee, and to consider and decide upon the conduct of No. 1, or Abercrombie Grand Lodge, or the past and present Officers thereof, relative to their behaviour in general, at grand committees, and particularly for their conduct at the last

quarterly committee, held by adjournment at the Cumberland Lodge House.

Your most obedient Servants,

James Mansall, P. G. M.	I. Hardman, P. G. & C. S.	William Fryer, P. G.
John Lloyd, ———	Robert Naylor, P. G.	B. Manchester, ——
Ben. Howarth, P. D. G M.	James Banks, ——	Tho. Duckworth, ——
Thos. Howard, ———	Thomas Armitt, D. G. M.	William Edwards, ——
James Adkin, P. G.	John Whittaker, N. G.	Jon. Woodcock, ——
Joseph Jones, ——	James Blewer, P. G.	Thomas Edwards, ——
Thomas Bumby, ——	T. Derbyshire, ——	Frank Marlin, ——
Joseph Green, ——	John Dunkerley, P. V.	John Howard, ——
Thomas Martin, ——	Thomas Hamer, N. G.	Samuel Fox, ——
	Thomas Duckworth, P. G. &c.	

In compliance with the above requisition, I appoint a committee of part grands and present presiding officers, to meet at the Devonshire lodge house, Oldfield Road, Salford, on Thursday the 11th inst. at the hour of seven in the evening.

WILLIAM ARMITT, G. M.

Manchestsr, 9th Oct. 1821.

Special Committee, Devonshire Lodge, Oct. 11th, 1821.

Resolved---I. That the Abercrombie grand lodge, and the order in general, abide by the decisions of the Waterloo committee of the 16th August last, and that no further appeal or explanation be allowed on this head.

II. That the Abercrombie, or No. 1 lodge, be suspended until they comply.

III. That p. g. Quinn's sick money, for one week and four days, refused him by the Abercrombie, under circumstances and restrictions, be paid him by the grand committee, but that the Abercrombie repay the same when their compliance is accepted, and in case they neglect or refuse to comply, the money so advanced by the grand committee, to be repaid by the Manchester lodges, in propotion to their members, and that p. g. Quinn be allowed to join any lodge in Manchester or Salford he thinks proper.

IV. That the travelling relief be paid at the Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, Manchester, until the next quarterly committee, and that in case any traveller be suspected, reference shall be made to p. g. m. Mansall, g. m. William Armitt, n. g. Whitaker, or the cor. sec. who are appointed to inspect characters.

V. That the thanks of this committee are due and hereby given, to Mrs E. Pickering and her son, and to brother William Pickering, for their uniform good conduct to the order in general.

VI. That the next quarterly committee be held at the Manchester Arms, on Saturday the 1st Dec. next, at five o'clock.

The Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, is suspended. The Duke of Sussex, the Beneficient Electric, and another opened in Liverpool, are all illegal. There is no legal lodge in Liverpool but the King George the Fourth.

The King George the Fourth, held at Mr. Trusses, White Lion, Chester, is illegal.

EXPULSIONS.

Wm. Westall, from the Good Intent; John Birch, from the Defiance, Chowbent; Henry Havison, Wm. Mathews, John Mills, J. Newall, M. Dukins, M. Gannon, Matthew Metcalf, and John Hatton, from the Victory, or King George the Fourth, Liverpool; p. v. Robert Baxendale. p. s. Thomas Antrobus, Lee Baxendale, John Bedson, James Whittle, and C. Baron, from the Duke of Suffolk, Wigan.

Lodges in strict compliance will only be allowed the new travelling cards, which cannot be imitated, and which are intended for the order in general, to prevent impositions. Any lodge applying who may not have held regular correspondence with the Manchester district, are required to explain under what sanction they sit, the date of their dispensation, from whence granted, &c.

Quarterly Committee, Dec. 1st, 1821.

Resolved---1. That the Macclesfield lodge be allowed a quarter from the date hereof, to withdraw their assumed grasp at power, and that the Benevolent lodge, Congleton, was justifiable in opening the Sandbach lodge, under all circumstances, as fully explained to this committee; and that all just and reasonable demands be paid by the Congleton lodge to the Macclesfield lodge.

II. That the Newchurch district be allowed to have our minutes at 5s. per quarter, under their promise that all letters too and from them shall be post paid; and they are requested to consider whether it would not be more to their advantage to pay Is. 6d. per quarter from each lodge, that they may receive separate copies of the minutes.

III. That the Spindle Point lodge, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Geo. Chatherton, Bull's Head, Worsley Stocks, to be called the Hope and Glory, if the Bolton lodge have no reasonable objection.

IV. That the Over Darwin lodge, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Scholes, White Horse, Edgeworth Moor.

V. That the Pottery lodges be allowed to form a district for the better management of their neighbourhood, and that the lawful decisions of their committees be abided by.

VI. That p. g Leach's application for a lecture book for the Macedonian lodge, by desire of the Briton's Pride lodge, is unanimously refused.

VII. That the Macedonian lodge, at Fletcher Bank, near Edenfield, being opened in defiance of the neighbouring lodges, and against the caution from the Manchester district, represented to the Rochdale lodges, and contrary to our general laws, be deemed illegal.

VIII. That the obligations proposed and introduced by cor. sec. Hardman, for n. g., sec. and host, be printed under the inspection of

p. g. Leach, of Rochdale, to the size of the lecture book, and to be attached thereto, by the n. g. of each lodge.

IX. That the Manchester district, assisted by country friends, have brought from under a cloud the mysteries of Odd Fellowship, and proved by example, that they have useful and beneficial ends in view, and that the name is not without meaning. They purpose holding annually in Whitsun week, a general committee of past grands and present presiding officers, who shall adjourn their sittings from day to day, until all business be settled. All appeals, &c. shall be decided, and that an officer from each lodge or district, be deputed to form a monthly committee, to settle urgent business; and that all their proceedings be laid before the annual committee for sanction. All lodges are requested to send in any proposition or code for general management, which are to be laid before the next quarterly committee of various lodges, for their sanction or such in compliance as choose to attend.

In passing the above resolutions, they wish to raise the standard of peace and unanimity, and offer the olive to such lodges as wish to come under its branches, compelling no one, and submitting that under our decisions some parties have for a time felt themselves disappointed; yet they have generally shewn compunction, and fled for refuge under the fostering wings of those who to the utmost of their power, have exerted themselves to ameliorate and soothe conflicting passions.

The No. 1, or Abercrombie lodge, Salford, is still under suspension, for its obstinacy in not complying with the rules of the order.

The annual meetings will be held in different districts, if agreed on, and means pointed out to pay the expences of the officers, attendancies with the books, &c.

Quarterly Grand Committee, March 2nd, 1821.

Resolved---I. That characters who have joined the Macedonian lodge, Fletcher Bank, through mistaken views and representations, if of good character, be allowed to join any neighbouring lodge free of expence; but if they persist in keeping it open as a lodge, all characters joining them after this date, shall not be allowed to join any lodge without paying a new making.

II. That the Prince's Charlotte and Nelson lodges, Barnsley, be allowed to join us on the usual terms.

III. That p. g. Drake and p. g. Sheard of Rochdale, p. g. Leech, and p. g. Moss of Ashton, and also all lodges countenancing the Abercrombie in their illegal and would-be arbitrary proceedings, be suspended; but they are allowed until next quarterly committee, jointly or individually to disclaim and disown the illegal transactions of the meeting, at the Dog and Volunteer, Salford, on the 23rd day of Dec. last.

IV. That the Abercrombie lodge, and all the officers and brothers thereof, be wholly expelled, unless they comply on or before the next quarterly committee.

V. That the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, be allowed to open a lodge at Ashton in the Willows, at the house of Mr. Speakman, known by the sign of the Gerrard Arms, to be called the Triumphant.

VI. That a lodge be opened at Gloucester, to be called the Hope Grand lodge of the county of Gloucester.

VII. That the Middleton lodge be allowed to open a lodge, at the sign of the Woodman, Newton Heath, if the Hollinwood and Oldham lodges have no reasonable objection.

VIII. That the Prince of Wales lodge, Brighton, deserve our thanks, and that the cor. sec. do furnish them with all further instructions they are in need of.

IX. That from this date all lodges shall not charge less than one pound one shilling, for each making, but that it shall be discretionary how much they charge above that sum.

X. That all lodges be desired to send into the next quarterly committee a code for the general management of the order in general.

XI. That the American, and other propositions, be left for consideration until the next quarterly committee.

Richard Petherie, from the Franklin lodge, Baltimore; George Cook, Thomas Foster, J. R. Jowett, and Charles Green, from the Victory lodge, Liverpool, are expelled.

The Philanthropic, Liverpool, and all the lodges opened by them, are still under suspension.

The following or 2nd resolution of the 5th Dec. 1816, is recommended to serious notice. Each and every n. g. shall take an obligation not to deliver the pass word to any officer or brother except belonging to his own lodge, and not to them, unless they are clear on the books, and

shall enjoin every officer or brother to whom given, not to give it to any officer except to the out and inside guardians, in strict compliance, and in legal possession of it.

The Defiance lodge, Chowbent, have removed to the house of brother Charles Ambler, Bear's Paw Inn.

Any lodge who can spare regalia or medals, &c. to lend the Duke of York lodge, Preston, for the Guild, in August next, will confer an obligation.

Pass word---536DX6NC6 183MX11N5N.

We are sorry to hear, that some would-be leading characters, for the purpose of aggrandizing themselves, or perhaps baser motives, who by unfounded insinuations, implacable scurrility, and low cunning, have been endeavouring to sap the foundation of our excellent institution, by encouraging and giving countenance to suspended characters and lodges, by attempting a breach of our laws; the conduct of such characters deserves exposure, and it is a wonder they have not sooner been found out by their immediate neighbours; let every present and past officer think and witness for himself and not allow an empty vessel of great sound, or in other words, a character who holds his elevation to the chair by declamation, to lead them by the nose into errors. P. G. Drake, of Rochdale, who stiles himself g. m. is particularly conspicuous for such conduct---a character who attends a committee of p. g's. from various lodges or districts, questions every thing ere it passes, goes into full scrutiny and puts up his hand with a majority, and afterwards questions the policy of such law, reminds me of the poet who says:---

"Convince a man against his will,
"He's of the same opinion still."

The printed circular of the Abercrombie has been thought so lame and weak, and a production so full of falsehoods, that it has been held in silent contempt, as we are convinced in our own minds, that any officer who had attended committees, and had witnessed the intemperate and disorderly conduct of the officers of the Abercrombie for the last two years, would have immediately considered it unworthy of consideration; yet as there may be some who have not had an opportunity of witnessing their conduct, or attending the committees which led to their suspension, and who may believe their circulars in part, it is deemed necessary to reply.---The Burnley and Chorley lodges, who enclosed two pounds for expences, having made application for the sanction of a committee of past grands, to open lodges at Whittle Hills and Colne, at the same time ordering the expence of such committee to be paid. As the business was not likely to take much discussion, the g. m. ordered it to be held about half an hour before the Wellington lodge met, at their lodge room; the officers in attendance were told they must not charge their lodges any thing, as their expences would be paid. P. G. M'Lamale then presiding as noble, and vice Quinn attended on behalf of the Abercrombie. M'Lamale had 3s. given him, out of which he gave Quinn 1s. Quinn claimed his right of 1s. 6d. as half of the 3s.--- Quinn and M'Lamale after this transaction having some words, M'Lamale brought a charge against Quinn for lending the cor. sec's. two doves, for the Liverpool procession, on the coronation day. Quinn taking the n. g. chair after M'Lamale, on inspecting the books, found M'Lamale had charged the lodge 2s. for the Wellington committee before described; so that M'Lamale took 4s. while Quinn had only 1s. N. G. Quinn sent to the secretary a note in open lodge, stating, that he had a charge against M'Lamale; he was ordered to state his charge; Quinn said it was not a proper time, but if they would call a committee,

the Abercrombie. At an adjournment of the quarterly committee held at the Cumberland lodge house, one of their past officers, finding he could not have his own way, or that the officers from the various lodges would not let them rule, absolutely called a set of ruffians he had waiting below; whom he called witnesses, and they broke up the committee; such conduct was not to be brooked; it was found out that, were they to have their own way, we might burn our laws.

The past grands, by requisition, desired a grand committee to be called, to bring them to account; they were very ably advocated by past officers; it was, however, unanimously agreed, that they should be suspended, until they complied with the rules of the order, and gave up the arbitrary perogative they assumed over other officers and lodges, since which time, all is peace and order again.

At the present committee there have been at least sixty lodges represented, to whom all transactions have been fairly laid down, and they were unanimous in their opinions; perhaps a more numerous and respectable assemblage of Odd Fellows never before met at a committee. We are happy to state, that every one seemed to be perfectly satisfied.

WILLIAM ARMITT, G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, D. G. M.
ISAAC HARDMAN, C. S.

P. g. William Stoneley, and p. g. Samuel Bowyer, from Macclesfield.

P. g. Samuel Andrew, and p. g. James Taylor, from Oldham, p. g. Higginson, and p. g. Dunster, Bury.

P. g. Drake, and p. g. Sheard, Rochdale; p. g. Hargreaves, and p. g Maudsley, Blackburn.

P. g. Leach, and p. g. John Moss, Ashton; p. g. Lea, Middleton.

P. g. m. James Mansall, g. m. William Armitt, p. g. Derbyshire, and p. g. Edwards, attend, to witness the transactions.

I. Hardman c. s., and T. Hignett, p. c. s., acted as secretaries.

They commenced their business by calling one of the Abercrombie in to open the case. G. m. Armitt declared them illegally summoned and said they were not a legal committee, and that any thing they di by way of resoultions, he should declare illegal. Yet he said he had objection to enter into business, in conformity to the note he had s to attend, namely, to see on what terms the difference between Abercrombie and other lodges could be adjusted. P. g. Drake, ins ingly refused to hear p. g. m. Mansall's explanation, and ordered hi sit down.

In reply to a question, g. m. Armitt said,—This meeting is without my sanction, I therefore do not consider it a legal com to do business; I only attend here to see if matters can be settled,

able to the summons I have received, between the Abercrombie and the rest of the lodges, considering this meeting be called for that and no other purpose.

The g. m., p. g. Derbyshire, and p. g. Edwards, were desired to go out and consult, and bring their answer in, which they did in the following terms:— This committee is not called in a proper way by consent of the g. m., d. g. m. or summoned by the cor. sec. as usual, and conformable to the law and the usages of the district; as officers we cannot consent or countenance any meeting, called contrary to existing law; and, as constituted, you cannot proceed to business fairly, therefore we shall retire.

I. Hardman stopped, and after some debate, in which he was not allowed to speak, they passed the following resolution :—

That the Abercrombie or No. 1. lodge, or travelling members thereof, shall be relieved until they have a further hearing. All except the Rochdale lodges, and Vittoria Ashton, and the Macclesfield lodge, some of the officers of which have been up to London, and received a dispensation from a few self elected and interested characters, meeting Jewin-street, London, who call themselves the grand lodge of England, and have sent letters into the country to the effect, that they will grant dispensations, travelling cards, &c, for money: we caution lodges to be on their guard against them, as they are not sanctioned by their own neighbours. The Briton's Pride and Good Intent lodges, Rochdale; Alfred the Great, Butterworth Hall; Albion, Smallbridge; Welcome, Horse Croft: and the Vittoria, Ashton, have received a visit in form from suspended characters, it is therefore desired they may not be relieved until they jointly or seperately conform. All the above lodges excepting

the Rochdale lodges; the Vittoria, Ashton; and the Macclesfield lodge, have since rescinded the above resolution in favour of the Abercrombie, finding they were deceived.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Sir and Brother,

You are hereby summoned and required to attend the general quarterly committee, for the district of Manchester, on Saturday, the 2nd day of March next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of p. g. m. Lloyd, known by the sign of the Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, to answer for your conduct in questioniag the decisions of a committee of past grands, for the district, legally summoned, and for assisting in passing of a resolution in favour of a suspended lodge, at an illegal meeting.

By order of G. M. William Armitt, your obedient servant,

I. HARDMAN, C. S.

Annual Grand Committee, 30th May, and continued by adjournment to the 1st June, 1822.

Resolved---I. That the Wirksworth applications for instructions and to be legalized, be referred to the Mansfield and Sutton lodges.

II. That the expulsion of William Moores and John Humphries, from the Clarence lodge, for perjury and subornation, be confirmed; and all lodges are cautioned against receiving them as visitors or otherwise.

III. That the Collingwood lodge, Bury, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Shaw, known by the sign of the Red Lion, Tottington, to be called the Royal Virtue lodge.

IV. That the Victory, or King George the Fourth lodge, Liverpool, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Mr. W. Williams, known by the sign of the Black Horse, Walton; and that they further be empowered to accept the Beneficent lodge on condition that they be under their inspection and management, for six months; and that they be not allowed a lecture book, until the Victory report to, and satisfy, the Manchester district, that they by their behaviour deserve one.

V. That the Lily of the Valley, No. 1, g. l. of Leicester, be allowed to re-open the Defiance lodge, formerly held at the Three Salmons, Nottingham.

VI. That the Philanthropic lodge, Derby, be allowed to be re-opened, on the usual terms, from any of the following lodges or districts they please, viz. the Lily of the Valley, Leicester; the Philanthropic, Uttoxeter; the Pottery and Newcastle, or the Manchester districts; and that the cor. sec. write to Derby with explanations thereon.

VII. That no host be allowed to hold any office or situation in the lodge, except that of treasurer.

VIII. That no brother belonging to any other secret order be allowed to hold an office or situation in the independent order.---*Rescinded, May*, 1823.

IX. That the cor. sec. write a reply to the address of the characters falsely styling themselves the Good Samaritan grand lodge of Staffordshire, inserted in the Hanley Gazette of the 15th of April last; and all lodges are particularly desired to check their impositions, as well as those of the Juinites, London, falsely styling themselves Grand Lodge of England; and that none of their members be allowed to visit or receive the travelling reliefs.

X. That this committee recommend, for the future, no regalia dress be used at procession, save banners, maces, sceptres, sashes, aprons, and medals.

XI. That there be held annually a general committee of past and present officers, from the various lodges or districts in strict compliance, which committee shall be moveable, before whom shall be submitted, for their sanction, all codes and laws passed in the various districts, for the better government of the order in general.

XII. That three towns be named, and to be decided by ballot, at which of the three the annual committee shall be held for the next year.

XIII. The following towns having been submitted to ballot.---Stockport, the Pottery or Newcastle, and Blackburn----the poll closed in favour of the Pottery or Newcastle.

XIV. That the next annual committee be held at the house of

host William Hall, known by the sign of the George and Dragon, Hanley, Staffordshire, on Monday in Whitsun week, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when and where it is intended finally to agree upon the towns or districts the annual committees shall be held at, in rotation. All lodges in compliance are desired to attend.

XV. That this committee highly disapprove of committees being held on the Sabbath day, and strenuously recommend their discontinuance.

XVI. That the following lodges, viz. the Briton's Pride and Good Intent, Rochdale, Alfred the Great, Butterworth Hall; Albion, Smallbridge; Welcome, Horsecroft, Welcome Visit, Shaw Chapel; Vittoria, Ashton; and Blucher, Staley Bridge, be suspended, for advocating and aiding the Abercrombie and other illegal characters and lodges; but they are allowed three months to return to the paths of their former duty; and it is hoped that each present and past officer and brother will inform himself of the circumstances which have led to such unpleasant conclusions, and not allow themselves to be longer drawn into errors, by the false insinuations of two or three characters from the Abercrombie, p. g. Drake, of Rochdale, supported by p. g. Leech, of Ashton, and another or two, who care nothing for the obligations they are under, and whose chief theme is lying, and giving matters a false colouring, to answer some purpose best known to themselves.

XVII. That the travelling reliefs for Manchester be paid, for the future, at a private instead of a public house, and that the same be paid by d. g. m. Armitt, for six months, at No. 65, Chapel-street, Salford, to commence on the first day in July next.

XVIII. That the g. m., d. g. m. and c. s. be elected at Manchester, and that the quarterly committees be held there as usual; but that they may be removed in succession to each lodge house where there is accommodation for country friends.

XIX. That the Abercrombie lodge, Salford, Manchester, and all the remaining members thereof, be expelled.

G. m. Armitt having left the chair, it was taken by p. g. m. Mansall, when the following resolution was unanimously passed, with great applause;

That the thanks of this committee are due, and are hereby given, to the g. m. William Armitt, the d. g. m Thomas Armitt, and cor. sec. Isaac Hardman, for their attention, zeal and integrity, and for the impartial and able manner in which they have attended to the duties of their respective offices for the last twelve months.

G. m. Wm. Armitt, d. g. m. Thomas Armitt, and cor. sec. Isaac Hardman, were re-elected to their respective situations for the next twelve months.

The Victory, or King George the Fourth lodge, Liverpool, is removed to the house of Mr. Magee, known by the sign of the Robinson Crusoe, Key-street, Liverpool.

The Royal Castle lodge, Clithero, is removed to the sign of the Dun Horse.

John Slaney, by trade a moulder, or foundry man, has been im-

"ten secretaries!" had agreed to call a meeting on the 16th instant. As this illegal meeting is strongly suspected to be called by the influence of Drake, to spread the seeds of discord, and encourage bad practices, we shall decline attending, and caution all our friends to do the same.

WILLIAM ARMITT, G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, D. G. M.
ISAAC HARDMAN, C. S.

Pass word---6nc5842g6 g55d 54d64.

Quarterly Grand Committee, 5th Sept. 1822

Resolved---I. That the cor. sec. and the lodges of this district pay no attention to any communication from, or sanctioned by, the Oldham lodges, and that all correspondence to and from them be suspended, until they comply, and shew a more friendly and consistent disposition.

II. That the Royal Star lodge, Whittle Hills, near Chorley, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Thomas Collier, known by the sign of the Cordwainers' Arms, Leyland, to be distinguished by the name of the King George the Fourth.

III. That a lodge be opened at New Islington, Manchester, from the next quarterly committee, if in the mean time a lodge does not remove thereto.

X. That p. g. Ormrod, and p. v. Isherwood, of the Clarence lodge, who have been suspended from holding elective offices, be allowed to take inferior situations as supernumeraries.

XI. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. m. Mansall, g. m. Wm. Armitt, d. g. m. Thomas Armitt, and cor. sec. Isaac Hardman, for their continued useful and active services for the interest of the order in general.

XII. That the claim of the Chester lodges for the annual committee to be held there in rotation, be referred to the annual committee in Whitsun week next, to be held at Hanley, in the Potteries, Staffordshire.

XIII. That the cor. sec. answer the Coventry politely, and give them our iustructions, on the usual terms and restrictions.

XIV. That the Brighton letter be referred to the cor. sec. and p. g. Yearsley to answer.

XV. That no elective officer be entitled to his signs as a past officer, until he has passed the office for which the sign is intended, in a meritorious manner.

XVI. That as all differences have been amicably agreed with the Vittoria lodge, Ashton under Lyne, they are entitled to every respect and privilege when on visit or travel.

XVII. That all lodges be requested to settle their accounts with the cor. sec. of the Manchester district, on or before the next quarterly

committee, that he may be enabled to balance his accounts in due time, that a statement thereof may be sent to all lodges in compliance, and that all who neglect or refuse to pay their contributions, or who may after that time be in arrear four quarters, be refused the minutes.

XVIII. That the expulsion of the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, be referred to the next annual committee.

XIX. That p. g. m. Mansall, assisted by the grand master, deputy and cor. sec. revise and correct the printed laws.

A lodge, called the Triumphant, has been legally opened at the house of host Unsworth, Islington Tavern, Liverpool.

The Ancient Abbey lodge has removed from Whalley, to the house of host Hitchen, sign of the Cock, Great Harwood.

The following are the names of the expelled members of the late Abercrombie Lodge, Salford:---John Simpson, Wm. M'Lanale, Geo. Newman, Wm. Newman, ----- Eagland, James Gorbutt, Tho. Coupe, John Robinson, Geo. Hopkins, and Wm. Hursthwaite.

Suspended Lodges. Briton's Pride and Good Intent, Rochdale; Alfred the Great, Butterworth Hall; Albion, Small Bridge; Welcome, Horsecroft; Welcome Visit, Shaw Chapel; Blucher, Staley Bridge; Philanthropic, Liverpool.

Illegal Lodges.---Beneficent, Duke of Sussex, and Eclectic, Liverpool; Good Intent, Bootle; and King George the Fourth, Chester.

Expulsions.---Wm. Copeland, St. Martin's, Tunstall; W. Smith, St. George's, Newcastle; Wm. Randall, Industry, Mansfield; Edwd. Smorthet, Prince of Wales, Chester; Frederick Francis, St. Olave's, Borough, London; p. g. Woodcock, Devonshire, Salford; William Juley Heynes, Spectator, Blackburn; Joseph Shaw, Pottery district.

Pass word---36w246 C28tx581.

It was not our intention to have noticed the Halifax meeting, or grand committee, as it has been called, but as the Liverpool Saturday's Advertiser describes a meeting at Bootle, to celebrate the opening of a new lodge, in which the factious Philanthropic suspended lodge, and their illegal bantlings, offer all the insults they can to the Manchester lodges, and give as a toast, the forty lodges who met at Halifax, we shall briefly describe the meeting, and shew the consistency of the Halifax, Oldham, Rochdale, and Liverpool lodges: on the 30th of May, 1822, p. g. Andrew, who represented the Oldham and neighbouring lodges, acted as a president of a grand committee, and p. g. Drake, who represented the Rochdale and neighbouring lodges, as secretary, when the following resolution was unanimously carried: "3rd. That the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, be fined 7*s.* for a false accusation against g. m. Mansall, and p. d. Howard, and that they be also suspended and not allowed the travelling reliefs, or to receive or pay any visits until they pay such fine, and are brought to compliance."

Now Andrew and Drake at that time represented about sixteen out of the forty "respectable" lodges who met at Halifax, though the Philanthropic had neither paid the fine nor complied; but had in open defiance, and contrary to all known law or precedent, and for which they deserve expulsion, opened the illegal Duke of Sussex, Eclectic and

Beneficent, Liverpool, Good Intent, Bootle, and King George the Fourth, Chester; four of these suspended and illegal lodges, added to the sixteen, make the number twenty, of these 'respectable lodges.' The Abercrombie, Salford, was expelled; so that we here see the majority, at the Halifax meeting, and we think the other lodges did not understand what company they were in, as several have since found out, and have acknowledged to this committee.

WILLIAM ARMITT, G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, D. G. M.
ISAAC HARDMAN, C. S.

Quarterly Grand Committee, on the 7th, and by adjournment on the 12th December, 1822.

Resolved---I. That agreeably to the third resolution of the last quarterly committee, a lodge be opened on Saturday the 21st inst. at the house of brother Benjamin Taylor, known by the sign of the Houghton Arms, Butler-lane, New Islington, Manchester.

II. That the application of the Brunswick lodge, York, be complied with, and that they be granted a dispensation for a lodge at the house of brother Richardson, Garrick's Coffee House, Petergate, York, to be called the Original Garrick's lodge of Peace, unless the Leeds district shew reasonable cause to the contrary within a fortnight.

III. That the Platoff lodge, Ashton-under-Lyne, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother John Booth, sign of the Old Soldier,

Greenacres Moor, near Oldham, unless the Oldham lodges have reasonable objection.

IV. That the Caution lodge, Bacup, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Wm Crabtree, Blue Ball, near Bacup.

V. That the Rose lodge, Heywood, be allowed to open a lodge on Christmas day next, at the house of brother John Chadwick, the Black Bull, in Birch, to be called the Prince Edward.

VI. That a lodge be opened under the sanction of this committee, at the house of Mr. Wm. Greenall, Coach and Horses, China-lane, Lancaster, to be called the Duke of Lancaster, on new year's day next.

VII. That a dispensation be granted to brothers at Brighton, to open a lodge at the house of host Clark, the Brunswick Arms, to be called the Royal Brunswick United lodge, No. 1 of that district, and of the Manchester Unity 125.

VIII. That the Duke of York lodge, Preston, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Robert Cardwell, the sign of the Old King's Head, Friargate, Preston, to be called the Loyal Stanley lodge.

IX. That the proposition of the Spectator lodge, Blackburn, be complied with, viz: That no lodge shall have a grant, or be allowed to open another lodge until they have been embodied twelve months, and are proved to have acted up to the rules of the order.

X. That the proposition of the Princess Charlotte, Nelson, and Prince Leopold lodges, Barnsley, be complied with, viz: That the tra-

velling certificates adopted by this district be refused to all lodges who do not take the minutes, quarterly pass word, &c. that brothers and lodges in strict compliance may be known.

XI. That every lodge within the distance of twelve miles of Manchester; refusing to take the adopted certificates of the district, and their payment towards the incidental expences of the order in general, shew cause at the next quarterly committee why they neglect or refuse to comply; and in case they do not then come forward and explain their reasons, to the satisfaction of such committee, they shall be suspended the travelling reliefs, and all other benefits and privileges until they comply.

XII. That the cor. sec., or any other officer or lodge, be subject to a fine of one pound one shilling, if he or they send the minutes, pass-word, &c. directed to any lodge or lodges out of compliance.

XIII. This committee hope that the Britannia lodge, Wigan, and the Triumphant lodge, Ashton-in-the-Willows, will settle their accounts in an amicable way. From the statements brought before this committee, it appears that the sum of five pounds seventeen shillings, charged by the Britannia to the Triumphant, for expences of attendance, &c. should be deducted from the bill now presented.

XIV. That the n.g. of the Virtue lodge, Tottington, acted with propriety and consistency in refusing the pass word and grip to brothers who had not paid the whole of their initiation money, or who might be in arrears; but that it would have been more consistent had he consulted the lodge before he insisted on putting his right supporter into the vice's chair, in preference to the vice's right supporter, during the

absence of the vice; and that the officers of the Collingwood lodge, Bury, acted very inconsistently, as mother lodge of the Virtue, in encouraging young brothers to act as they did, after the n g. of the Virtue informed them that the committee about to meet of the Virtue brothers, was not called by his sanction, and that the signatures to the summonses in his name were forgeries.

XV. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, be suspended, for receiving in open lodge, and giving encouragement to expelled characters.

XVI. That the key to the pass word be kept only with the lecture book of each lodge, and any officer or lodge improperly exposing it, be subject to the penalties to be imposed in case of exposition of the secrets of the order, under the 12th rule of the general printed laws.

XVII. That the resolutions of the Brunswick and Sussex lodges, York, be adhered to in this district; and that the Lodge of Peace, held at the house of brother Granger, Stonegate, York, be suspended, for refusing the travelling reliefs to all who are not connected with a few individuals in London, who, for pecuniary purposes, have stiled themselves Grand Lodge of England, and have granted what they call grand or provincial dispensations, at some price, to a few arbitrary, expelled, illegal, and suspended characters and lodges. It appears that no enquiry is made; a letter to the Jewinites, or self-stiled Grand Lodge of England, with an enclosure, procures one of their nostrum dispensations for expelled, suspended, and illegal characters and lodges. We are happy to state, that we have heard of no lodge acting with consistence and compliance holding one of them.

XVIII. That Leeds be submitted as a proper place for the annual committee to be held in rotation.

XIX. That the Wellington lodge, No. 2, of this district, held at the house of treasurer Hodgson, Prince's Tavern, Tasle-street, Manchester, as senior lodge, be allowed a fresh copy of dispensation, and they are authorised to take the title of No 1 lodge of the Manchester district, and that the next senior lodge or lodges be allowed to take the No. 2, 3, and so on in rotation, if they please. No lodge to change their No. until all lodges before them have done so.

XX. That the name grand lodge be no more encouraged in Manchester; the late Abercrombie grand lodge; the Hope, Macclesfield; the Philanthropic, Liverpool; the Jewinites, or grand lodge of England; the Peace, York; some quacks in the neighbourhood of Hanley, in the Potteries, and others, having brought the title of grand lodge into contempt among us.

XXI. That the annual, or quarterly committee or committees of past and present officers from various lodges in a district, retain the title of Grand.

XXII. That this committee highly approve of the general printed laws, as revised and corrected up to the present time, and that they be adopted in place of the old ones, and that every member in Manchester or the neighbourhood connected with the funeral gifts or travelling reliefs, have an article delivered to him, which must be placed to his lodge account, and that every lodge as above stated, take in proportion three articles or general printed laws for every two members returned

by them, and they are recommended for general adoption by all lodges in compliance.

XXIII. That a deputation be appointed to go over to Leeds to enter into mutual explanation with the Leeds district, and Yorkshire lodges, or such of them as chuse to attend to answer such questions, or make such arrangements as may be considered necessary, and that p. g. Derbyshire, and p. g. cor. sec. Hardman, be two of the deputation, and that one of the following accompany them, the arrangement of which is left to themselves: Past prov. g. m. Mansall, prov. g. m. Wm. Armitt, and deputy g. m. Thomas Armitt, and that they be allowed reasonable expences.

XXIV. That the Chorley and neighbouring lodges be allowed to call committees to settle local disputes, agreeably to the rules of the order, and that they have our thanks for their friendly way in communicating their wishes.

XXV. That p. g. Fryer, of the Waterloo lodge, be fined 7s. for a false accusation against p. g. M'Donald, of the Nelson lodge, and that no mitigation be allowed on such fine.

XXVI. That the St. Olave's lodge, London, be refused a dispensation, unless they pledge themselves to abide by the tenor of such dispensation, if granted, and the adopted laws and regulations of the Manchester district, without alteration or amendment, as we consider our dispensation and laws as inseparable companions.

[In consequence of a mutual understanding, by correspondence, a special committee came to the following resolution: "2d. That the St.

William Leaver, professing to be a gardener, for imposing by false representations; certificate detained by the cor. sec.

P. v. Platt, Joseph White, Samuel Myatt, and Thomas Adams, from the Alfred lodge, Lane Delph, Potteries; Thomas Cartwright, E. Spinward, James Greenhalgh, James Robinson, John Scholefield, John Pilkington, and Alexander Ester, from the Virtue lodge, Tottington; Richard Cooper, a bricklayer, from the Spectator lodge, Blackburn.

The Manchester district do not wish tribute by any law passed; their sole object being to detect travelling impostros, with false or forged certificates and cards, and for each lodge to bear an equal share of the incidental expences of the Order, and, if possible, to adopt a general system, whereby a mutual understanding may exist, and imposition be, at least, curtailed.

Though unwilling, the Manchester district will have the unpleasant task of exposing some lodges who have changed the certificates of travellers before they have met with steady employ. It is desirable that the motives of characters wishing to draw certificates should be strictly looked into, and any character treated with great caution and suspicion, who visits a few evenings for the mere purpose of craving charity, or procuring a fresh certificate, whereby the idle, artful, and designing, prey on the bounty of the Order, and prefer the precarious system of a tramp, to steady, useful and industrious habits.

WILLIAM ARMITT, G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, D. G. M.
ISAAC HARDMAN, COR. SEC.

Grand Quarterly Committee, Manchester Arms, March 1st, and by adjournment March 3d, 1823.

Resolved---I. That the Bacup lodge receive their dispensation, lecture book, &c. through the Haslingden or Newchurch district, and the quarterly minutes as usual.

II. That the accusation brought by p. g. Whitaker, of Oldham, against the Platoff lodge, Ashton, for making improper characters, be referred to the Ashton and neighbouring lodges; and that p. g. Whitaker is highly blameable for sending in a charge and not attending to support the same, the Platoff lodge being in attendance to justify their conduct.

III. That the words Momus and Comus be taken out of the making songs, and more appropriate ones substituted.

IV. That this committee regrets the cause of the application of the Fox lodge, Bolton, but it appears that, under existing circumstances, it would be inexpedient to change the general pass words &c. and the officers and brothers of the Fox lodge are recommended to treat the characters of whom they complain, as being in unlawful possession of certain matters, or Odd Fellows' requisites, with silent contempt. Any suspected character may have an obligation administered, if it be deemed necessary; the name and particulars of such suspected character to be entered in the journals of the lodge before the obligation is administered.

V. That the lecture book of each lodge be kept in a small box, with two locks, in the desk, or some safe place, and that the n. g. shall keep one key, and any p. g. the lodge may think fit the other.

VI. That the dispute between the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, and the Triumphant lodge, Ashton-in-the-Willows, be settled at the next quarterly committee, if they do not in the mean time agree it to mutual satisfaction, in which case both parties are expected to come forward prepared for a full hearing on the subject.

VII. That the Vittoria lodge, Ashton-under-lyne, take the title of No. 4 of the Manchester district.

VIII. That the Combermere and Unity lodges, Stockport, be allowed to open a lodge at the Pack Horse, Levenshulme.

IX. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the Leeds district and Yorkshire lodges, for the handsome reception given to the Manchester deputation, and for their unbiassed conduct at the committee held at Leeds, on the 13th of January last, and that the printed minutes, now read of that meeting, are highly approved of, but that the question for a general pass word be considered at the annual committee.

X. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the officers of the Waterloo lodge, for their assiduity in thwarting the views of some expelled characters opening a lodge at Levenshulme.

XI. That brother Taylor, of the Sandbach lodge, be allowed to

rejoin his lodge, or visit any other, without fine or further restriction, conceiving his punishment (for his false statement against the Nelson lodge for admitting him to attend a scarlet lecture) quite sufficient, his conduct being attributed to ignorance.

XII. That the Harmonia, or Odd Fellows' Song Book, be revised, corrected and re-printed; and the officers and brothers of all lodges are invited and requested to send in any amendment, addition, or alteration, new or old song, recitation, toast, sentiment, &c., for consideration to I. Hardman, cor. sec. Manchester Arms, as early as possible, and that it be generally understood, such songs, recitations, toasts, setiments, &c. be of a moral, chaste, and instructive nature.

XIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to p. g. Leach, of Rochdale, for his assiduity, patience, and forbearance, under the plots raised against his reputation and honour, for his mild and praiseworthy exertions in rebutting the machinations of a factious party, and for his uniform good conduct towards the Order in general.

XIV. That the Blucher lodge, Stayley Bridge, be allowed to rejoin the district on the usual terms.

XV. That the application for the re-opening of the Defiance, lodge, at the Unicorn, Parliament street, Nottingham, with a new dispensation, lecture book, &c. be complied with, on the usual terms, if the Pottery, Newcastle, Uttoxeter, Leicester, Derby, Mansfield, Gloucester, or neighbouring lodges, shew no reasonable objection in one month.

XVI. That the n. g., p. g., or officer deputed to attend the grand committee, or to open or read the minutes and key to pass word, shall take an obligation from the grand committee, or in his own lodge or committee, when open, not to deliver the quarterly pass word to any officer or brother, except belonging to his own lodge, and not unto them, unless they are clear on the books, and shall enjoin every brother to whom given, not to give it to any officer or brother except to the outside or inside guardians of lodges in strict compliance, and in legal possession of it; and any travelling or visiting brother shall be subject to expulsion, if he gives, or causes to be made known, the pass word to the officer, guardian, or brother of any lodge, unless he absolutely knows they are in strict compliance.---(Amendment to the 2nd resolution of the 5th of Dec. 1816; see MINUTES, page 45.)

XVII. That the further discussion on the 11th resolution of the 12th of December last, be referred to the annual committee.

XVIII. That in any place where they are authorised to form a district, by consent of surrounding districts, the grand master, if appointed by two or more lodges in unison with the Manchester district, take the title of provincial grand master.

XIX. That p. g., now n. g. Green, of the Clarence lodge, Salford, be severely reprimanded, and fined five shillings, for his very improper conduct in company with a character seeking relief; and that this committee do highly disapprove of brothers of the Order, but particularly past and present officers, tippling with characters receiving the travelling reliefs, gifts, or donations of the Order.

XX. That for the future no lodge be allowed more than twenty travelling certificates at one time.

XXI. That every lodge in Manchester and Salford send a deputy to represent them at the annual committee, at Hanley, in the Potteries, on Whit Monday next, and that all lodges in compliance be recommended to do the same.

XXII. That any lodge be fined one pound one shilling whose deputy or representative may have reproof or censure passed upon him at the annual committee, for misconduct; such lodge to be at liberty to make what arrangements they think fit with such officer, for repayment, or to inflict such penalty as the nature of his offence deserves.

XXIII. That the 7th resolution, 1st Feb. 1816---the 3rd resolution, 7th March, 1816---and the 4th resolution, 2nd October, 1817, be all rescinded.

XXIV. That the Needwood Philanthropic lodge, Uttoxeter, be allowed a lecture book, and other necessaries, for the Cavendish lodge, held at the house of host Potter, the Crown Inn, Ashbourn.

XXV. That the Duke of York lodge, Preston, be allowed a lecture book for the Stanley lodge.

XXVI. That the St. Olave's lodge, held at the house of host Warren, Bull Court, Tooley-street, Borough, London, be recom-

mended to the friendship, protection, and notice of all lodges in unison with the Manchester district, they having satisfied and cleared up all doubts as to their views, and have been allowed a dispensation from a committee of past grands, from the various lodges of Manchester and the neighbourhood.

XXVII. That the Monmouth letter, concerning the building of an Odd Fellow's Hall, be referred to the annual committee.

Grand Annual Moveable Committee, held at the house of Host Hall, the George and Dragon, at Hanley, Staffordshire, on the 19th and 20th days of May, 1823.

G. M. William Armitt, President.
D. G. M. Thomas Armitt, Vice President.
Isaac Hardman, Sec. Thomas Hewitt, Assistant Sec.

Resolved---I. That no liquor be allowed in the committee room before dinner.

II. That the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, and all lodges opened by them, be totally expelled; but that lodges are at liberty to receive the members who may have joined them through mistaken views, unless character, age, &c. be particularly objected to.

III. That past treasurer Williams, of the Defiance lodge, Walton, be expelled for bad practices.

X. That the 8th resolution, 132nd page of the general minutes, respecting other secret orders, be rescinded.

XI. That the Needwood Philanthropic lodge, Uttoxeter, sha[illegible] be allowed to form a district, and to be stiled No. 1 of the same; whic[illegible] district shall extend half way between them and their next neighbou[illegible] ing districts or lodges, who do not voluntarily come under them.

XII. On a motion for rescinding the 7th resolution of the 1st of June, 1822, it was resolved, that the same shall be confirmed, and that no landlord, or host, shall be allowed to hold any office or situation in the lodge except that of treasurer.

XIII. That there be printed annually a list of all districts and lodges in connection and compliance, and that all lodges opened without consent of the grand or district master, and grand committees for the district, or next neighbouring district lodge or lodges, be noticed in such list, and lodges not in full compliance, or who may refuse to pay their share towards the incidental expences of the Order in general, with such remarks as may be deemed necessary; and that the c. s. who compiles the same, shall be allowed what is reasonable for the trouble and expence of preparing the same, and printing. And that past and present or relieving officers, are from this date empowered and required to detain or destroy the cards, clearances, or certificates, of characters who may visit, or receive relief, from any lodge or lodges not in full compliance; and that every n. g. or officer, on allowing a travelling brother a certificate, shall read this resolution to him, and impress it on his mind, that ignorance may not be pleaded as an excuse. And all grand or district masters, deputies, cor. secs. and lodges, are requested

shall send notice thereof to the cor. sec. and to all parties particularly interested in the motion, which shall be delivered at least seven days previously to hearing.

VI. That all lodges in this district shall charge the difference between what a brother who wishes to join them from any other lodge, may have paid at his initiation into the lodge he was made in, and the district price of making; thus, if a character has paid two shillings and sixpence for making or initiation money he shall pay the difference before he shall join any lodge in compliance, and when admitted he must conform to the rules of the lodge and district, as to payment of pence, fines, and arrears, before he be allowed a travelling certificate.

VII. That the cor. sec. be authorised to purchase proper account books, for the order in general, and the Manchester district, which accounts are to be kept separate and distinct from each other; and that the cor. sec. let the g. m., d. g. m., c. s., or p. g. of any district or lodge, have free access to such books, whenever desired, but that such officer give timely notice, if he require them balanced previous to inspection.

VIII. That the quarterly minutes of the Manchester district, be submitted to each district or lodge in compliance, for adoption, until the annual committee, when they shall be submitted to become general law.---Lodges and districts are invited to make appeals against them, at the annual committee, where they interfere with their local circumstances; but that they be binding on all lodges within the district, twelve miles round Manchester.

XVIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the deputation, prov. g. m. Wright, prov. g. m. Hudson, prov. g. m. Duckworth, prov. g. m. Gray, and prov. g. m. Rusterick, for their services and very satisfactory report on the alterations and amendments on the lectures and signs.

XIX. That the Waterloo lodge, Monmouth, be allowed to take the title of No. 1 of the Monmouth district, and be allowed to receive their minutes, &c. direct, without passing through any other source.

XX. That p. g. Drake, p. g. Sheard, and the Good Intent lodge, Rochdale, be expelled, and the neighbouring lodges remain suspended, unless they comply, on or before the Manchester September quarterly committee; and those individuals or lodges who refuse to comply, shall, after that time, be deemed and treated as expelled.

XXI. That past officers, after this date, shall not be allowed or entitled to the honours of the Order, for past services, unless they have conducted the charges, signs, and makings, agreeably to the rules laid down and explained in the lecture book, adopted by this committee.

XXII. That any lodge, officer or brother, who shall knowingly admit the visits of any expelled, suspended, or illegal character, lodge, or lodges, or any of the members thereof, in open lodge, or in any way give them countenance or aid, by lending or allowing them the use of any regalia or lodge property, upon any terms whatsover, such lodge, officer, or brother, shall become, from the time of committing themselves, suspended, and refused the travelling reliefs, visits, and all benefits or privileges of the Order, until they shall satisfy the grand master,

and the various lodges in the district; and if such practices are, by such lodge, officer, or brother, persisted in, or repeated, after notice or information, such lodge, officer, or brother, shall be liable to be expelled the Order for ever, at the next district, quarterly, special, or annual committee.

XXIII. That the grand master, deputy, and cor. sec. of the Manchester district, be allowed reasonable expences for attending the annual committees, out of the general funds of the Order.

XXIV. That the minutes agreed on at the general annual committees, become binding on all lodges in compliance, throughout the kingdom.

XXV. Leeds, Haslingden, and Dudley, being ballotted for the next annual committee to be held at, the poll closed in favour of Haslingden.

XXVI. That copies of the minutes of the Manchester district, and its connections, be recommended to all lodges, but that one copy only be allowed to a lodge, and that no officer or brother be allowed a copy, or possession of one, without consent of the presiding officers or the vote of a lodge.

By Order,

I. HARDMAN, P. G. & C. S.

II. That the Aboukir lodge, Ashton, is justified in resisting the unjust claim made upon them by the Vittoria, Blucher and Platoff lodges, for their share towards the expences of the deputation that attended the illegal meeting at Halifax, whereat more than one half were expelled, suspended, and illegal lodges; and that the thanks of this committeeare due, and hereby given, to the Aboukir lodge, for their uniformly good and steady conduct on this and other occasions; and that the Vittoria, Platoff, and Blucher lodges be suspended from this time, unless they give up their unlawful demands against the Aboukir lodge, and allow the visits of the Aboukir officers and brothers, without restrictions or constraint.

III. That p. g. m. William Armitt be honourably acquitted of the charge of being at the head of a defraud, brought against him by p. g. Leech, of the Vittoria lodge, Ashton, there being not the least pretensions or cause to countenance any suspicion on this head; and that p. g. Leech pay the fine of 7s. agreeably to the 24th article of the laws, for bringing a false accusation; and that as the charge is frivolous and vexations, he pay the three witnesses expences and loss of time, 15s. and be suspended until he pays such fine, expences, &c.

IV. That a lodge be opened at Rochdale, in place of the Good Intent, expelled lodge, free of expence, to be called they Loyal Honest View Lodge, to be held at the house of brother Ashworth, the sign of the Red Lion.

V. That to support the Honest Views of the Independent Brothers, who have left the expelled Independent, (now the factious Union, or Bad Intent) to form this lodge, a voluntary contribution be set on

foot, in each lodge, to assist them in the purchase of regalia, &c. which, with their funds, are withheld by the expelled Good Intent, and thrown into the union order. Subscriptions, however small, will be received by c. s. Hardman, or tr. Hodgson.

VI. That brother Roughly be reinstated into the Clarence lodge, he being entitled to the sick money he has received, and that the fine imposed on him be done away with.

VII. That c. s. Hardman be acquitted of the charge brought against him, and that brother Affleck be fined 7s. for bringing the accusation; but that, in consideration of the inexperience of the accuser, the fine be mitigated to sixpence.*

VIII. That the travelling reliefs be paid at treasurer Hodgson's, Prince's Tavern, Princess-street, and officers granting certificates, are desired to inform travelling brothers thereof, that they may not have extra trouble.

IX. That the remaining members of the late Abercrombie lodge, who have not joined a legal lodge, be expelled.

X. That n. g. Lee, of the Cumberland, be fined 5s. for striking brother Snowden, as we deem it fineable, under any circumstances, for one brother to strike another.

XI. That the Friendship lodge, Upper Mill, Saddleworth, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Joseph Holroyd, known by the

sign of the Dyers' Arms, Holt Head, near Marsden, to be called the Hospitality, if the National Arms lodge, Delph, have no reasonable objection.

At a Grand Quarterly Committee, held at the house of host Cuff, Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, Manchester, 1st Decr. 1823.

Resolved---I. That the Loyal Miners lodge, Hollinwood, be authorised to open a lodge at the house of brother Ogden, Noggin Inn, Copsterhill, near Oldham, to be called the Royal Sovereign.

II. That the Albion lodge, Small Bridge, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Wm. Banks, Sloop Tavern, Littleborough, to be called the Loyal Shannon, unless reasonable objection be made on or before the 1st of January next.

III. That the Britannia lodge, Eccles, be allowed to open a lodge, on the 2nd January next, at the house of brother James Johnson, White Horse, Worsley, to be called the Loyal Duke of Bridgewater.

IV. That the dispute between the Devonshire and Hope and Glory lodges, respecting registers, be referred to the next general committee, if not in the mean time settled to mutual satisfaction.

V. That for the future, the Manchester lodges commence lodge business, the two winter quarters, at half past eight o'clock, instead of nine, as heretofore; the summer quarters as usual.

VI. That the King Charles lodge, held at the house of host Hall, the Economy lodge, held at the house of host Chadwick, Red Lion, both at Oldham, and the Industry lodge, held at the house of host Williamson, Droylsden, be acknowledged legal, and as lodges entitled to all privileges, on condition of their taking new dispensations, under sanction of this committee, for which they shall only be charged half the usual price.

VII. That a brother throwing a travelling certificate into any lodge, shall not be allowed to take a fresh one out, until after the expiration of three months, unless by consent of the g. m., d. g. m. of the district, or open sanction of the lodge, or three past officers on their behalf; and it is expected particular caution and enquiry will be made as to the motives, circumstances and character of the traveller, that travelling imposition may, as far as possible, be curtailed, and certificates be prevented from being exchanged by impostors and idle rambling characters, who prefer a wandering precarious subsistence to useful employment; and that lodges be answerable for their conduct in exchanging or granting certificates to improper characters.

VIII. On the motion of the country lodges, it was resolved, that the g. m. be authorised and desired to call a committee of past and present officers, from such lodges as he may think fit, to settle and decide upon the disputes or differences between the Defiance lodge and p. g. Heys.

IX. That under the circumstances, as explained to this committee, brother R. Walker, of the Irwell lodge, Ratcliffe Bridge, is entitled to the privileges of a past vice.

X. In the case of Benjamin Stappleton, (late of the Victory, Manchester, Fox, Bolton, and other lodges) whose certificate is detained, it is resolved, that the mode of life practised by the said Benjamin Stappleton, for the last twelve months, is highly disgraceful and reprehensible, and that he therefore be expelled the order.

XI. That the Blucher lodge, Staley Bridge, and the Platoff lodge, Ashton, remain suspended, they not having signified their compliance with the resolutions of the last quarterly committee. The Blucher lodge have since signified their compliance.

XII. That the Hope lodge, Gloucester, deserve our thanks, for their zeal in propogating brotherly odd fellowship, in their neighbourhood, and that the Loyal Albion, to be opened by them, at the house of host Goode, Royal Oak Inn, Cheltenham, on the 10th instant, be recommended to friendship and protection.

Grand Quarterly Committee, held at the Manchester Arms, Manchester, 1st March, 1824.

Resolved---I. That the Alfred the Great lodge be allowed a new dispensation, for half the usual charge, in lieu of their old one, which was irregularly granted and signed, and that they, on receipt of such dispensation, be deemed a lodge constituted in full conformity.

II. That the Irwell lodge, Ratcliff Bridge, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Thomas Barlow, the Cock and Trumpet,

Grand Annual Committee of the Order in general, for Great Britain, held at the house of Host Lees, the sign of the Golden Cup, Haslingden, on the 6th and 7th days of June, 1824.

G. M. THOMAS ARMITT, PRESIDENT;
D. G. M. THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, VICE PRESIDENT;
ISAAC HARDMAN, C. S.

Resolved---I. That it become a standing order for the future, that Grand Committees shall not be allowed any liquor in the committee room before dinner.

II. That to facilitate the business of the grand committee, five deputies be appointed to act as jurors or moderators, to sit in a room apart from the grand committee room, who shall try trivial local disputes, or references; the moderators to report their opinions or determination on any thing brought before them to the grand committee for confirmation.

III. That past g. m. Duckworth, of the Haslingden district; p. g. Thomas Edwards, of the Devonshire lodge, Manchester; p. g. John Holt, of the Collingwood lodge, Bury; p. g. Henry Shearburn, of the Prudence lodge, Green Howarth; and p. g. James Taylor, of the Nelson's Ball lodge, Oldham; be appointed moderators for the present committee.

IV. On application of the Rochdale and neighbouring lodges, for remuneration for the expences they have been at, in procuring a copper-

plate for travelling certificates, and for the printing of certificates, which they gave up to this committee, to act as they pleased with them, it was determined, that under the circumstances the plate was procured, and copies struck off, this committee cannot consistently allow any remuneration, but that the thanks of the committee are due, and hereby given to the Rochdale and neighbouring lodges, and to their deputation, for the very handsome and brotherly manner they have given them up for destruction.---About 900 certificates and the plate, were then openly destroyed.

V. That the fine of 7s. imposed on the Clarence lodge, Lewes, by the Brunswick lodge, Brighton, be rescinded, as inconsistent with our general usuges; but that the fine of five shillings each on brothers, for quarrelling, and bringing themselves, as members of the order, into disgrace, be confirmed.

VI. That this committee, after due consideration, conceiving that the disputes between the two lodges arise from inexperience, and not for want of brotherly affection, strongly recommend and desire them to make an amicable settlement among themselves, without further reference or delay, if possible, through the medium of prov. g. m. Whitehead.

VII. That no person be made or accepted, in any lodge at a distance of more than two miles from his residence, and from the neighbourhood of another lodge, or who may have been refused to be made or accepted in another lodge in compliance, without a good character from, and application for the consent of, the next neighbouring lodge

to his residence; if such neighbouring lodge object to his being made at a distant lodge, they must show other reasonable cause or objection than that of distance.

VIII. That on explanation of the disgraceful impositions, &c. of William Guest Read, a tailor, and Joseph Cox, a painter, late of the Wellington lodge, Kidderminster, their expulsions are confirmed, and that they be treated as vile impostors. The said W. G. Read was n. g. of the Kidderminster lodge, at the time of the Hanley committee, and got introduced to that committee, which this committee have cause to regret.

IX. That the expulsion of the Clarence lodge, Sutton in Ashfield, by the Mansfield district, for encouraging expelled characters, be confirmed. Therefore the said Clarence lodge is expelled from all titles, honours, privileges, and benefits of the Order in general.

X. That William Lever, by trade a gardener, aged 24, about five feet five inches high, and healthy looking, be expelled the Order in general, for repeated defraud and disgraceful conduct. It is not known from what lodge he holds a certificate, as he has had cunning and wheedling enough about him to procure several under false pretences. Lodges are desired to be particularly guarded against such characters.

XI. On the Leeds motion for inquiry concerning the charges for lecture books, 2nd resolution of a committee held at Leeds, 19th April, 1824---it was resolved, that the lecture books be charged as agreed at the grand Hanley committee, and as practised since.

XII. That the expences or loss of defending the actions at law, now explained, as brought against brothers of the Minerva lodge, Banks, near Bacup, be paid by the Order in general, and guaranteed to the Haslingden district by this committee.

XIII. That all lodges shall pay an equal share towards the general and incidental expences of the Order in general, under the appellation of quarterage---such quarterage or contribution to take place for lodges, who never before paid, and were acknowledged lodges, from the Hanley grand committee, May, 1823, and all lodges and districts are to settle such quarterage, and other accounts, with treasurer Hodgson, Prince's Tavern, Tasle-street, Manchester, on or before the first Monday in September next, or they will be refused the quarterly minutes, keys, pass-words, travelling certificates, &c. and the 12th resolution, 143rd page of the general minutes will be put in strict force. The contribution to be 1s. 6d. per quarter for each lodge, until alteration be deemed necessary by the grand annual committee.---*Rescinded.*

XIV. That all districts or lodges pay their own postages and carriage, or that such postages or carriage be placed to their account.

XV. That the Chorley district shew just and satisfactory cause, at the Manchester annual committee, 21st June inst. why they have expelled brother Samuel Anderton, of the Star lodge, Whittle Hills; or that the said brother Samuel Anderton, be reinstated in the Star lodge, as if such expulsion had not taken place, as it appears, from representations made to this committee, such expulsion took place irregularly, and under some prejudice.

XVI. That the general obligations of the Order be reduced to one obligation, and that a committee of five be now appointed to retire, to arrange and form the same, from the instructions introduced by n. g. Wardle, from p. g. Rotherham, of the Wellington lodge, No. 1, Manchester.

XVII. That past p. g. m. Manley, of the Pottery and Newcastle district, past g. m. Duckworth, of the Haslingden district, p. g. Williamson, of the Constitution lodge, Warrington, n. g. Wardle, of the Wellington lodge, Manchester, and p. g. Burton, of the Wakefield district, form the committee.

XVIII. That relieving, or other officers appointed to inspect tramps, be empowered, from this date, to take away the ribbon or colour of any degree from the certificate of any travelling brother, who may be incorrect or unable to answer the necessary questions of such degree; and that the proper officers sign all certificates, and be answerable for their conduct, and suffer such pains, fines, &c. as the grand committee may think fit, for allowing others to sign them, or for giving certificates or colours to improper or incorrect brothers.

XIX. That the Wolverhampton and neighbouring lodges, represented at this committee by p. g. m. Joseph Cross, be allowed to form a district, and that the Apollo lodge, as No. 1 lodge, be allowed a dispensation, confirmed by this committee, as a grant or protection.

XX. That the election of p. g. Bladon, as prov. g. m. of the Dudley district, be confirmed, agreeably to the resolutions of a grand committee for their district, held on the 15th of April last.

XXI. That the Wellington lodge, of the Dudley district, abide by the covenants and tenor of the dispensation granted them by their district.

XXII. On the report of the committee to consider the form of, and agree on the new obligation, resolved, that the obligation now introduced by the committee, be generally adopted, instead of the old obligations, and that copies be printed to the size of the lecture book, to be attached thereto.

XXIII. That no lecture be allowed to be given or read, in any lodge or lecture room, or be allowed to be given or received amongst brothers of the Independent Order, save those in the general lecture book, without first having the sanction of the grand annual committee. Any officer or brother violating this law, shall be subject to a fine of 1*l.* 1*s.*---and any lodge giving sanction to such as the gold, the purple, &c. lectures, shall be subject to the fine of 2*l.* 2*s.* in addition to individual fines.

XXIV. That the accounts of the Order, for receipts and disbursments for the last twelve months, or since the first grand annual committee, held at Hanley be printed in full, and each lodge in conformity be furnished with a copy.

XXV. On consideration, and a full report on the 14th resolution of the grand Hanley committee, it was resolved, that no lodge, for the future, shall make a character a member of the Independent Order for a less sum than one guinea, and that the fine for breaking this law be five guineas, without mitigation.

XXVI. That in future, instead of having a procession at the annual moveable committee, a sum of money be given to some charitable institution or institutions, at the place where such committee is held---the sum to be fixed by the said committee.

XXVII. That all aprons worn by the officers and brothers of the Order, at any procession, be white, bound by a proper colour of ribbon, agreeably to the 6th resolution of the 23rd page of the general minute book, and in conformity with the lecture book.

XXVIII. On a long hearing on an appeal concerning the removal of the Alfred lodge, Lane Delph, it was recommended, that the parties abide by the general usages and regulations of the Pottery and Newcastle district, and endeavour to settle and accommodate matters amongst themselves, as under all the circumstances, this committee cannot consistently interfere further.

XXIX. That the charges for the loan of the Bolton regalia, at the procession in the Potteries, last annual committee, be referred to the Manchester annual committee.

XXX. That for the future, there be two pass-words sent out with the quarterly minutes, one for the Order in general, as usual, for visits, &c. the other for relieving officers and travellers only.

XXXI. That the complaint of the George the Fourth lodge, Liverpool, against the Fox lodge, Bolton, for paying and receiving visits

to and from, and giving encouragement to the expelled Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, and the members thereof, be referred to the Manchester district, by consent.

XXXII. That all districts and lodges, with all remittances on account of the Order, state particulars for which lodge, and on what account such money is sent or remitted, whether it be for quarterage, lecture books, certificates, laws, &c. naming each particular item, to prevent mistakes in the entries in giving credit for the same; and in case of neglecting to give such items, such lodge or district be subject to fine of 5s.

XXXIII. Cor. sec. Isaac Hardman having, through the very precarious state of his health, and of his inability, in consequence, to attend to the arduous duties of the situation of c. s. signified his intention of retiring from that office, on the next appointment of officers, 21st June inst. he is desired and recommended to stand his poll for deputy grand master.

XXXIV. That c. s. Hardman be requested to inspect the books of the Order in general.

XXXV. In consideration of the past services, for five years, of c. s. Hardman, he having uniformly given satisfaction, to remunerate him in some measure for the trouble and expence he has been at on account of the Order, and also viewing the very impaired and precarious state of health he is in, this committee desire and recommend lodges to en-

ter into voluntary contributions or subscriptions for such purpose, and to assist him during his illness.

XXXVI. That the next annual committee of the Order be held at the house of host Durrans, White Bear, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, on Whit Monday next, 1825, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

XXXVII. The grand master, deputy grand master, and corresponding secretary having left the chairs, it was resolved, that the thanks of this committee are due and hereby given, to g. m. Thomas Armitt, d. g. m. Thomas Derbyshire, and c. s. Isaac Hardman, for their services during the last year, and for their general steady and impartial conduct.

XXXVIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the Royal Brunswick lodge, Brighton, and to their representative, grand master Whitehead, for their very friendly assistance at this committee, and for their sentiments generally respecting the Independent Order, as established by this and similar committees.

Manchester Grand Annual Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Manchester Arms, Manchester, June 21, 1824.

G. M. THOMAS ARMITT, PRESIDENT;
D. G. M. THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, VICE PRESIDENT;
ISAAC HARDMAN, C. S.

Resolved---I. That a vote of censure be passed on p. g. Clegg, of the loyal St. George's lodge, Waterhead Mill, for his conduct towards p. g. Henry Hardman, of the loyal Miner's lodge, Hollinwood, and other officers and brothers of Oldham and the neighbouring lodges, for his prevarications, and the very insulting letter sent to this committee; and unless he come forward, and make such acknowledgments as satisfy p. g. Hardman, and others whom he has insulted and belied, by false insinuations concerning the grand lodge, on or before the next quarterly committee, for this district, or if he neglect or refuse to attend such committee, to answer for his conduct, he shall suffer such penalties as the committee may think fit to pass upon him, and that no excuse or apology be accepted from him for non-attendance.

II. That the Nelson lodge, Manchester, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of John Shawcross, sign of the Plough, at Gorton, to be called the Loyal Paternal lodge, unless reasonable objection be shewn within a month from this date.

III. That interest, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, be allowed the treasurer, or any officer or brother, or lodge, advancing

payment of the sum received by brother James Whittaker, on his account.

IX. That the Duke of York lodge, Preston, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Marginson, the Swan Inn, Moon Mill, to be called the Loyal St. George lodge, if neighbouring lodges shew no reasonable and satisfactory objection within one month.

X. That the expulsion of brother John Murphy, by the General Hill's Glory lodge, Manchester, be confirmed, he having been proved to both the grand Haslingden and this committee to have generally disgraced himself, and to be a dangerous bad character as an Odd Fellow.

XI. That the g. m. or d. g. m. in his absence, call quarterly, or as often as they may think fit or necessary, General Lectures, at which the lectures of past officers, the signs and pass-words, be given to those entitled to the same to prevent such mistakes as have had frequent occurrence.

XII. That there be appointed an officer, in addition to the g. m., d. g. m. and c. s. from each lodge in Manchester and Salford, or from any lodge in the district, who volunteer to attend, to conduct and manage the printing department.

XIII. That no character, for the future, be allowed to be made on the night he is proposed, unless good and sufficient reason be shewn, to the satisfaction of the whole lodge and visitors.

XIV. That the receipts and disbursements of the Order be balanced up, and laid before quarterly committees regularly, and a balance sheet laid upon the table for general inspection.

XV. That the travelling reliefs be continued to be paid by treasurer Hodgson, at the Prince's Tavern, for the next twelve months.

XVI. That the quarterly commmittees of this district be held on the second Monday in each third month, the first Monday being found inconvenient to many officers, who have appealed for the alteration.

XVII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to p. g. Bridges and brother Jack, for their voluntary and gratuitous services in assisting to balance the books; and that their expences be paid for attending the grand Haslingden committee, to explain such accounts.

XVIII. That the g. m. be allowed quarterly all reasonable expences he may be put to on account of the Order; such accounts to be laid before the quarterly committee, for sanction, before payment; and that the d. g. m. be allowed 3s. for every quarterly committee he attends, and that such expences be paid from the funds of the Manchester district.

XIX. That the loyal Duke of Bridgewater lodge, Worsley, be

allowed to remove to the house of Mr. Brooks, sign of the Pack Horse, Irlam o'th' Height.

XX. That the new obligation, carried at the grand Haslingden committee to be generally adopted, be prepared agreeably to the resolution of that committee, and sent with the September minutes.--- Lodges ought therefore to be very particular in giving their hosts, &c. proper instructions and caution respecting the receipts and delivery of those minutes,

XXI. That past g. m. William Armitt, and g. m. Thomas Armitt, for their meritorious past services, be presented each with a medal, at the expence of the Manchester lodges, at 2d. each member returned to the funeral gifts.

XXII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the prov. g. m., d. g. m., cor. sec. and general officers of the Haslingden district, for their general uniform good conduct.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:

G. M. THOMAS ARMITT, to continue G. M.
P. C. S. ISAAC HARDMAN, D. G. M.
N. G. MARK WARDLE, Cor. Sec.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Long Millgate, Sept. 13, 1824.

Resolved---I. That the 8th resolution of the Leeds quarterly committee, held on the 29th July, 1824, (now read) is in direct opposition to, and a violation of, the long-established laws, usages and regulations of the Independent Order.

II. That it is the unanimous opinion of this committee, that a few ignorant and turbulent individuals, are leading the Leeds lodges into a line of conduct highly "inconsistent, improper and detrimental" to their own interests, and to the well-being and harmony of the Order in general;---and that their conduct, for some time past, has been totally irreconcileable to that principle of frendship, love, and truth, which alone is the foundation stone of Odd Fellowship, and without which the superstructure must crumble into dust.

III. That the Leeds district stand suspended, until the above read incomprehensible resolution be formally rescinded by them.

IV. That the claim of the Vittoria lodge, Ashton-under-line, for remuneration for certificates, cannot be admitted.

V. That the case of brother Anderton, of the Star lodge, Whittle Hills, be ordered to stand as it does.

VI. That a subscription be set on foot throughout the Order, for the relief of the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan; that the same be trans-

mitted, as early as possible, to treasurer Hodgson, Prince's Tavern, Manchester, and that the particulars be published in the next number of the Magazine.

VII. That the charges preferred against n. g. Bradshaw, of the George the Fourth lodge, Newton Heath, for drunkenness at lecture and neglect of duty, are proved, and that he be censured and fined 5*s*. ---also, that the lodge be censured for their very improper conduct on that evening.

VIII. That the Earl of Oxford lodge, Manchester, be permitted to remove to a more convenient house.

IX. That the conduct of the relieving officer of Rochdale, p. g. [illegible]. Day, is highly reprehensible in detaining the card of brother Johnson, [illegible], and for behaving towards him in a manner derogatory to the character of an Odd Fellow; and that he pay the sum of 12*s*. to defray the expence of brother Johnson in attending this committee.

X. That brother Murphy have a hearing at the next quarterly committee, in consequence of his not having been summoned by his own lodge.

XI. That the best thanks of the committee are due, and hereby given to the printing committee, and that the resolutions passed at their first meeting be printed with the minutes of this committee.

XII. That the accounts of the Order, for the last quarter, as read by the c. s., are highly satisfactory to this committee.

First Printing Committee, held at the house of Treasurer Hodgson Prince's Tavern, Manchester, Aug. 12, 1824.

P. G. M. MANSALL, PRESIDENT;
P. D. DERBYSHIRE, VICE PRESIDENT;
P. G. MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Resolved---I. That 200 copies of the Lecture Book be forthwith printed.

II. That the law books now on hand be charged in future 1*l.*, for one hundred copies, instead of 1*l.* 5*s.*, as heretofore.

III. That in future the certificates of the Order be charged 2*d.* each instead of 3*d.*

IV. That the present deputies continue in office twelve months---at the expiration of which time, one half to retire, and their places to be supplied by fresh ones---and so on annually in rotation.

V. That the expences of the committee be paid from the profits arising from the printing, and that each officer be allowed 1*s.*

VI. That Treasurer Hodgson be allowed at the rate of five per cent. per annum for any money he may advance towards defraying the expences of this department of the Order.

VII. That the c. s. be requested to read the proceedings of this committee in all the Manchester and Salford lodges.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Long Millgate, December 13, 1824.

Resolved—I. That the Chowbent lodge be allowed to remove from the house of host Mather, to the sign of the King's Head.

II. That brothers Richard Manley, John Pasquil and John Manley, be suspended for six months, for their improper conduct, in scandalously pretending to initiate an individual, thereby bringing odium and obloquy upon themselves and the order.

III. That the disputes between the Delph and Saddleworth lodges cannot be entered into by this committee; but they particularly recommend to the parties to settle their difference among themselves, in a spirit "becoming our laudable profession."

IV. That the Combermere and Unity lodges, Stockport, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of James Cockcroft, the Spinners' Arms, Bollington, on Christmas day next, to be called the Honest Endeavour lodge.

V. That the Fox lodge, Bolton, be permitted to open a lodge at Sweet Green, on the 3rd of January next, at the house of host Makin, the sign of the Bridgeman's Arms.

VI. That the Duke of York lodge, Preston, and the Duke of Lancaster lodge, Lancaster, be permitted to open a lodge at Garstang, on Christmas day next, to be called the Keppell lodge.

VII. That the Benevolent lodge, Sheffield, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother William Harrison, in Coal Pit Lane, on Christmas day next, to be called the Philanthropic lodge.

VIII. That the case of p. g. Day, of Rochdale, and brother Johnson, be referred to the next quarterly committee.

IX. That the claim for certificates, from Leeds, cannot be acceeded to, and that their letter is already sufficiently answered.

X. That the expulsion of brother Murphy be confirmed by this committee, and that lodges generally be cautioned against the artificers of such a character.

XI. That the Clarence lodge hold their lodge on the same night as the Devonshire, if that lodge has no objection.

XII. That all summonses be signed by the n. g. and sec. of every lodge; and in cases where the n. g. cannot attend, he must legally empower the sec. to sign for him.

XIII. That the application from Kendal be referred to the annual moveable committee, to be held at Huddersfield, in June next.

XIV. That the letter from Barnsley, relative to Blackburn, be referred to the annual committee, in June next.

THOMAS ARMITT, G. M.
ROBERT NAYLOR, D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Long Millgate, March 14, 1825.

Resolved---I. That the Star lodge, Whittle hills, and the Pilot lodge, Chorley, be suspended for three months, or until they comply with the resolutions already in force, on the dispute between those lodges and p. s. Anderton, of the former lodge.

II. That the 9th resolution of the quarterly committee of September 15, be confirmed, and that p. g. Day pay all reasonable expences to brother Johnson, for his attendance at this committee---and that it be recommended to the Honest View and Briton's Pride lodges, Rochdale, to assist p. g. Day in paying the above expences.

III. That the Loyal Clothiers lodge have a new dispensation, and that the mother lodge pay the expence of the same.

IV. That the Stockport lodges be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Evans, the George and Dragon, Cheadle, on Easter Monday, to be called the Loyal Conciliator lodge.

V. That the Loyal Clothiers lodge be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mrs. Garside, Derby Inn, Rushworth, on Monday the 4th of April, to be called the Loyal Shepherd's lodge.

VI. That the Nelson's Ball lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Hall, the Spread Eagle, Royton, to be called the Loyal Sincerity lodge, on Tuesday the 5th of April.

VII. That the fine against brother Hampson, of the Nelson's Ball lodge, Oldham, be rescinded, that he be reinstated in his lodge, and that the Nelson's Ball lodge pay him his sick money, from the commencement of his sickness.

VIII. That the application from Oldham, Wigan, and other places, relative to the Patriarchal Order, be referred to the annual moveable committee.

IX. That in consequence of the good conduct of brothers Pasquil and Manley, the remainder of their suspension be rescinded, and that they be re-instated in the Defiance lodge, Chowbent, as usual.

X. That the Gloucester lodge be permitted to open a lodge at the house of host William Ball, Crown Inn, Nailsworth, to be called the Hope and Glory lodge.

XI. That this committee confirm the finding of the committee of the Nelson lodge, Manchester, relative to the suspension of p. g. Wittaker.

XII. That the objection taken by the St. Thomas lodge, London, to the St. Olave's opening a lodge at the house of brother Ploughman, is not, in the opinion of this committee, sufficient, and that the St. Olave's lodge be permitted to open a lodge as above.

XIII. That the St. Thomas lodge, London, be requested to

send a copy of their dispensation, to the g. m. of the Manchester district for inspection.

XIV. That a new key be sent out with the next quarterly minutes.

XV. That this committee highly disapprove of the bye law, given with the dispensation by the West Riding lodge, to the Youth's Triumphant, and that the subject be laid before the next annual committee for their serious consideration.

XVI. That this committee cannot enter into the claims of the respective officers and brothers of the Wellington lodge, Sudbury, until the said officers and brothers come to some amicable arrangement amongst themselves.

XVII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to g. m. Armitt, d. g. m. Naylor, c. s. Wardle and tr. Hodgson, for their attention to the interests and welfare of the Order in general.

Grand Annual Moveable Committee of the Order in general, held at Huddersfield, on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th days of May, 1825.

GRAND MASTER THOMAS ARMITT, PRESIDENT.
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER ROBERT NAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT.
PAST GRAND MARK WARDLE, COR. SEC.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER RENIE, of the Monmouth district, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Resolved—I. That the Leeds deputies be admitted on the payment of their arrears of quarterage and not otherwise.

II. That the charge against Samuel Anderton, by the Chorley and Whittle Hills lodges, cannot be again heard; but that their deputies be admitted, on their pledge of honor, that he shall be admitted on their return.

III. That the Waterloo lodge, No. 1, of the Monmouth district, be allowed to open a lodge in the towns of Newport and Pontipool.

IV. That the expulsion of p. g. Collingwood, from the Peace lodge, Rastrick be confirmed.

V. That the present dispensation of the Youths' Triumphant, together with the bye laws, be destroyed and a new dispensation granted at the joint expence of the West Riding and Youths' Triumphant lodges.

VI. That the Nelson lodge and Princes Charlotte, Barnsley, be recommended to make such bye laws among themselves as to guard their own individual financial interests, without a breach of the general laws of the Order.

VII. John Renie, p. g. m. of the Monmouth district---John Elsom, c. s of the Nottingham do ---William Saunders, d. g. m. of the Sheffield do---John Platt, p. d. g. m. of the Haslingden do---Le Gendre N. Starkey, n. g. of the Moriah lodge, Burnley district---p. g. Redfern, of the Manchester do---R. H. Sewel, p. g. m. of the Huddersfield do---John Brooke, p. g. of the Combermere lodge, Stockport---be appointed a deputation to report on the propriety of adopting the Patriarchal Order.

It was resolved, on their report, that the c. s. be ordered to print the lecture on the Patriarchal Order, in conformity with the latest book; that p. d. g. m. Smith, of the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, be kindly requested to furnish all the delegates assembled, with the signs and pass words of the degree, who shall on receiving it, take the following obligation :---I, A. B. do promise and swear, not to impart the signs and pass words of this degree, but to those only who shall answer the questions of the previous lectures satisfactorily.

VIII. That the Cobourg, Platoff, Alexander, Duke of Kent, Shakespear, Collingwood and Plato lodges, of the Leeds district, are in compliance.

printed on a list, be given by the secretary of each lodge, to the g. m. at the annual meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the purpose of seeing whether the Order in general is in a state of prosperity or not.

XVI. That the words "landlord or," in the 7th resolution of 131st page of the Minutes be expunged.

XVII. That the printing committee take the quarterage off, for one year, and lay their accounts for the year, at the next annual committee; and it is hoped that all orders for stationery, will be sent to the Prince's Tavern, Tasle-street, Manchester, from all lodges, to enable them to carry this desirable object into execution.

XVIII. That Nottingham is a proper place for the annual committee to be held at in rotation.

XIX. That Dudley, or Wolverhampton, be considered a proper place for the annual committee to be held at in rotation.

XX. That the district in which the annual committee is held, give to some charitable institution such a sum of money in the name of the Independent Order, as may be agreed upon by the district, and that the deputies present enter into voluntary contribution in aid of this landable purpose.

XXI. That the next grand annual moveable Committee be held in Manchester, on Whit Monday next.

XXII. That the three principal officers, in lodges meeting every three weeks, or monthly, hold their situations thirteen nights, or the past officers to be denied their honours.

XXIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the g. m., d. g. m. and other officers of the Huddersfield district, for their zeal and attention shewn to this committee and to the interests and welfare of the Order in general.

XXIV. That Kidderminster be allowed to form a district.

XXV. That the alteration in the grip of the scarlet degree be approved of.

XXVI. That there be no grip given with the royal blue.

XXVII. That each lodge be recommended to provide two copies of the magazine, (printed and published by p. g. & c. s. Wardle, *under the sanction and patronage of the officers of the* ORDER) such copies to be considered lodge property, and to be appropriated to the use of the officers of the lodge for the time being.

XXVIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the g. m. of the Order, d. g. m., c. s. and tr. for their unwearied exertions in promoting the welfare, happiness and unanimity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

XXIX. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. Smith, of the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, for his exertions in bringing forward the new adopted lecture.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Long Millgate, June 13, 1825.

Resolved---I. That the Irwell lodge, Ratcliffe Bridge, are justified in their conduct, in withholding, under all the circumstances, the pay to brother Atkinson; but, that after the explanation which has taken place, the Irwell lodge, pay brother Atkinson's claim for sickness, through the hands of the treasurer for the order in general.

II. That brother James Holmes, of the Rose lodge, Heywood, be re-admitted into the said lodge, on paying his arrears up to the time of his re-admission.

III. That all lodges in compliance purchase their stationery from the Manchester printing committee, and that they be recommended to send remittances with their orders.

IV. That all lodges opened from and after this date, have their dispensations granted from the Manchester printing committee.

V. That this committee confirm the finding of the Victory lodge, in the suspension of brother Prior.

VI. That p. g. Bell be fined 7s. for bringing a false accusation against the Victory lodge, but that it be mitigated to 6d. in consequence of his having acted from error only, and not from any improper motives.

VII. That the Miners, Hollinwood, and the Sovereign, Copster Hill, be permitted to open a lodge at the Grey Mare, Failsworth, unless reasonable objection be shewn within a month from this date.

VIII. That the accusation against brother Samuel Clarke, of the Clothiers lodge, for giving the grip illegally, is unfounded.

IX. That p. g. Wilson acted perfectly right, in detaining the card of Thomas Crawshaw, of the Clothiers lodge, he not being entitled to receive the same, to go upon travel, owing to his only having been initiated about two months, and that the recommendation given him was insufficient.

X. That p. g. Myers be permitted to join the Cumberland lodge, upon such terms as that lodge may determine upon, and that p. g. Myers pay the amount of the debt, due from him, to the order in general.

XI. That the Victory lodge be permitted to open a lodge at Irlam's Green, to be called the Queen Caroline, unless reasonable objection be shewn within a month from this date.

XII. That the deputies from the respective lodges in the Manchester district, meet for the purpose of arranging the manner of con-

ducting the procession, and fixing the time for holding the same, at host Cuff's, on Thursday the 30th day of June, at half past seven o'clock.

XIII. That the c. s. be instructed to write to Leeds.

XIV. That in addition to the g. m. and d. g. m. of the Order in general, there be appointed a g. m. and d. g. m. for the Manchester district.

G. m. of the Order---p. g. m. William Armitt, of the Wellington; d. g. m.—p. g. Adkin, of the Cumberland; c. s. Wardle, of the Wellington, to continue c. s.; tr. Hodgson to continue treasurer.

D. g. m. Naylor, of the Clarence, and p. g. Redfern, of the Nelson, to be g. m. and d. g. m. of the Manchester district.

XV. That the Duke of York lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother W. Harrison, the sign of the Joiner's Arms, Royton-street, near Oldham, to be called the Love lodge, on Tuesday the 30th day of August next.

XVI. That the King Charles the second lodge, Staley Wood, legally summon the host before a committee of past grands, and that they be empowered to allow the removal of the lodge, if they think such a measure necessary.

XVII. That all lodges in arrears pay up the same, on or before the next printing committee, or be refused the minutes &c.

XVIII. That the next quarterly committee be held at the house of host Cuff, the Manchester Arms Inn, on the second Monday in September, at Nine o'clock in the morning.

XIX. That the subject of districts be taken into consideration at the next quarterly committee, and all lodges are requested to send in their opinion on the subject.

XX. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to p. g. m. Renie, of the Monmouth district, for his general attention to the interests of the Order, and particularly for his sensible and able letter, just read, on the subject of districts.

XX. That the thanks of this committee be given to g. m. Thomas Armitt, d. g. m. Naylor, c. s. Wardle, and tr. Hodgson.

XXII. That a medal be presented to p. g. Leach, of Rochdale, as an honorary reward for his long-continued and meritorious exertions in the cause of the Independent Order.

Printing Committee, held at the house of Br. Hodgson, the Prince's Tavern, Manchester, on Thursday, July 28, 1825.

Resolved—I. That g. m. Armitt, p. d. g. m. Derbyshire, and p. g. Dawson be appointed to examine the books of the printing committee and prepare a statement of the same, for immediate publication.

II. That all the lodges in the Manchester district, are again invited to attend this committee by deputy and become members of the same.

III. That any deputy finding that he cannot attend his duty on this committee, gives notice to the n. g. of his lodge, and that he attend, or find a sufficient officer, and that the lodge, in default therefore, be fined in the sum of 2s 6d.

IV. That all lodges have their dispensations from Manchester, in future, and that they pay one Guinea for the same.—The signatures of the officers of the Order to be affixed, and a printed form sent out for their regulation.

V. That the thanks of this committee are eminently due to the various districts and lodges, through which our late g. m. passed in his pilgrimage, for the uniform attention and benevolence shown to him.

VI. That the sum of five pounds be allowed to p. g. m. Armitt,

or the loss of time and labour he has bestowed on his mission, and that he receives the most hearty thanks of this committee for his valuable services.

VII. That the lecture books now on hand be charged five shillings each.

VIII. That p. g. m. Thomas Armitt, be appointed chairman of the printing committee for the ensuing twelve months.

IX. That p. d. g. m. Derbyshire be appointed vice for the ensuing twelve months.

X. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. m. Mansall, and the deputies retiring, for their valuable services during the sitting of the printing committee.

XI. That the p. g. m. assisted by the c. s. draw up a full report of this late interesting mission, and that the same be published in the 6th No. of the Mag.

Special Grand Procession Committee, held at the house of Host Cuff, Long Millgate, June 30, 1825.

Resolved—I. That there be a procession of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be held in the towns of Manchester and Salford,

on the 23rd day of April, 1826, and that all lodges in this and the neighbouring districts be solicited to attend on the occasion. The requisite expences attending the procession to be paid by the Manchester and Salford lodges only.

II. That there be a band, or bands, as may be found expedient on such occasion.

III. That persons be appointed to wait on the Boroughreeve and Constables of Manchester, to ask their permission to walk with their procession to Ardwick Green.

IV. That prior to the procession taking its intended circuit through the town, they shall proceed to some church. The church and hour of attendance, to be stated hereafter.

V. That these minutes be printed and each lodge have one copy of them.

VI. That each lodge may make what arrangements they may think fit, in respect to the attendance of their members; but to earnestly request each and every one of them to attend as respectably as they can; in particular, no coloured neck handkerchiefs, and, if possible, all suited in black.

VII. That this committee recommend to the funeral committee, the propriety of paying the expences of this intended procession out of the funeral funds.

VIII. That this committee be adjourned to the last Thursday in August, from thence to meet on the last Thursday in every second month, up to April, 1826, at each meeting deputies to be in attendance at 7 o'clock.

IX. That this committee be moveable, and that the next meeting be held at the Wellington lodge house.

X. That the present deputies be requested to attend all future committees, when held as mentioned above; as their attendance may be better than a change in deputation on this occasion.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, Sept. 12, 1825.

Resolved—I. That the fine of 7s. imposed by the Princess Charlotte lodge, Barnsley, upon p. g. Fennell, be rescinded, and that this committee pass a vote of censure on the conduct of the officers comprising the committee who fined the said p. g. Fennell, and that his expences in attending this committee be paid by the Princess Charlotte lodge.

II. That the objection taken by the King Charles lodge, Oldham, is not considered sufficient, and that the Duke of York lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother William Harrison, sign of the Joiners' Arms, Royton-street, near Oldham, on the 10th of October, 1825.

III. That an enquiry be made, at the next quarterly committee, into the conduct of the King Charles lodge, in their recent removals, and that that lodge consider itself summoned by this resolution to attend.

IV. That any n. g. allowing a brother a card, without previously ascertaining the absolute necessity of such brother to travel for his support, be fined one guinea, and that his lodge be responsible for the payment of the same.

V. That any brother soliciting a card, without proving his necessity for the same, be fined 10s. and be suspended until the same be paid.

VI. That no travelling reliefs be paid on the Sabbath day.

VII. That the Clothiers' lodge, Saddleworth, pay host Wilson's bill, and that host Wilson is considered highly censurable for the language used in his letter to d. g. m. Whittaker.

VIII. That the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of John Beech, the Tontine Coffee House, St. Helens, to be called the Duke of Lancaster, on the 29th Oct. if reasonable objections are not made.

IX. That permission be granted to open a lodge of Independent Odd Fellows, in the city of York, and that the cor. sec. be instructed to enter into an immediate correspondence with brother Higgins on the subject.

X. That the cor. sec. write to the Philanthropic, Liverpool, in ıswer to a letter sent by them to Wigan.

XI. That in consequence of the non-compliance with the sum- ɔns of the g. m. of the Order, by the Industry, Mansfield, the Prince lwin, Alfreton, be supplied with information from Manchester, until e next annual moveable committee, when the two lodges will be pected to attend, and have the matter finally set at rest.

XII. That this committee recommend to the lodges in the Man- ester district, to enter into a subscription in aid of p. g. Leach, of ɔchdale, in order to enable him to meet the expences which he has en so shamefully put to by p. g. Lord, of the Honest View, Roch- le, and that they be requested to do the same as soon as possible.

XIII. That this committee recommend to the lodges of the Order, ɛ case of brother Wood, of the Spectator lodge, Blackburn, who was fortunately robbed of 130*l*, and that a subscription be set on foot for n throughout the Order---the money to be sent to treasurer Hodgson, ince's Tavern, Tasle-street, Manchester.

XIV. That in consequence of the non-compliance of the officers the Leeds district, with the summons of the g. m. of the Order in ıeral, all further communication be withheld from them until the ɛt quarterly committee.

XV. That the Platoff lodge, Leeds, be suspended, for three ɔnths, for non-compliance with the summons of the g. m. of the Order general.

XVI. That the Sussex lodge, York, continues under suspension.

XVII. That the application from Todmorden, to form a district, be complied with, if the neighbouring districts shew no reasonable objection before the next quarterly committee.

XVIII. That p. v. Woodroffe, on paying one guinea, be admitted a member of the Earl of Oxford lodge.

XIX. That Benjamin Stapleton be re-admitted a member of the Victory lodge, Manchester.

XX. That the difference between the Wolverhampton district, the Lord Hill lodge, of the said district, and the England's Glory lodge, of the Dudley district, being amicably settled, they be allowed to keep open until the annual committee, to be held at Manchester on Whit Monday next.

XXI. That the Duke of Devonshire lodge, No. 2 of the Derby district, be allowed to open a lodge at Heage, if no reasonable objection be made in one month from the receipt of these minutes.

XXII. That from and after the next quarterly committee each lodge in the Manchester district send one deputy to the quarterly committee, or be subject to a fine of 1s. 6d.

XXIII. That a handsome medal be presented to Warden Fuller, of the Monmouth lodge, from the Manchester district, for his intrepidi-

in saving four children from a watery grave.---See an extract of a ter from Monmouth in No. 6 of the magazine.

XXIV. That the charge of the v. g. and the charges of the inior officers be printed, and may be had on application to the printing mmittee, at the Prince's Pavern, or to the c. s. No. 29, Back Kingeet.

XXV. That the thanks of this committee be given to the officers the Manchester district, and of the order in general, for their unim attention to the interests of the order.

ROBERT NAYLOR, Pr. G. M.
BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

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nchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Manchester Arms, Lang Millgate, December 12, 1825.

Resolved---I. That the 22nd resolution of the last committee be nfirmed.

II. That the printing committee be instructed to draw up, and nt a form for a clearance for the Order.

III. That the Milton lodge, Whitworth, and Honest View

lodge, Rochdale, settle their differences amicably, if possible, among themselves.

IV. That the Hope and Glory lodge, Moses Gate, pay the charges for repairing the regalia of the Britannia lodge, Eccles.

V. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, open a lodge at the house of brother Overends, to be called the Wool-sack lodge, on the 5th of January, 1826.

VI. That the Providence lodge, Sholver Moor, open a lodge at the house of George Halstead, to be called the Britton's Glory, on the 16th of January, 1826.

VII. That the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, open a lodge at the house of brother Harrison, Bull's Head, Smithy Brook, to be called the Loyal Le Gendre Starkie lodge, No 4 of the Wigan district, if no reasonable objection be made in one month from this date.

VIII. That the King Charles lodge, Oldham, be allowed a new dispensation free of expence.

IX. That the resolutions adopted at the two special committees, for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation between the Philanthropic lodge, Liverpool, the Abercrombie lodge, Manchester, and the officers of the Order in general, be approved of and printed with these minutes.

XVIII. That the thanks of this committee be given to the officers of the Manchester district, and of the Order in general, for their uniform attention to the interests of the Order.

ROBERT NAYLOR, Pr. G. M.
BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Manchester, November 8th, 1825.

At a Meeting of Deputies from the Philanthropic and George the 4th lodges, Liverpool, the Officers of the Order and Officers of the Manchester district, held at the house of Treasurer Hodgson, for the purpose of effecting an amicable arrangement between the districts:

It was resolved,

That the Philanthropic lodge, agree to pay the fine of 7s formerly imposed upon them, that the same be now paid to the treasurer of the Order, and that the Philanthropic be declared in compliance with the Manchester Unity, until the next annual moveable committee.

That a vote of thanks be given to the deputies from both the Liverpool lodges.

That the Chester lodge, opened by the Philanthropic lodge, Liver-

IV. That p. g. Quin's sick money for one week and four days, be refunded to the order by the Abercrombie lodge, and that all personal fines against any officer or brother of the Abercrombie, be rescinded.

V. The deputies from the Abercrombie having agreed to the above resolutions, that lodge is declared in connection with the Manchester Unity until the next annual moveable committee.

VI. That the thanks of this committee be given to the deputies from the Abercrombie lodge.

W. ARMITT, G. M.
J. ADKIN, D. G. M.
M. WARDLE, C. S.
B. HODGSON, Tr.
N. G. GORBUTT.
P. G. HIGNET.
P. G. SIMPSON.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelsm lodge house, Long Millgate, Manchester, March 13, 1826.

Resolved---I. That the charge by the Stockport lodges of 3*l.* for the expences of officers attending to open the Conciliator lodge, Cheadle, be not allowed.

p. g. Leach and his witnesses in attending this committee; and that he be suspended until the same be paid.

X. That the Earl de Wilton lodge, Ruden Lane, be permitted to remove to the house of br. Jackson, known by the sign of the Derby Arms, Whitefield, near Bury.

XI. That the charge brought by p. g. Wilson, of the Junction, against c. s. Taylor, of Oldham, be done away with.

XII. That the Wigan lodges, comprising the Duke of Norfolk the Triumphant, the Duke of Lancaster, and the Le Gendre Starkie lodges, be allowed to form themselves into a district.

XIII. That the Cumberland lodge, Manchester, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Johnson, known by the sign of the Wheat Sheaf, Tib-street, Manchester, to be called the Loyal Apolo lodge, and to be opened on Wednesday, the 5th of April, provided there be no legal objections made in the mean time.

XIV. That the 16*s*. claimed by the Amicable lodge, Hooley Hill, from brother Kenney, be divided between them, and that brother Kenney be re-instated on paying eight shillings and his arrears.

XV. That the case of p. s. Marlor, and the Oldham lodges, be settled among themselves.

XVI. That the Aboukir lodge, Ashton, be allowed to open a

lodge, at the house of brother Henry Goddard, known by the sign of the Ordnance Arms, in Stamford-street, Ashton, on Friday, the 19th May, unless reasonable objection be brought forward within the space of one month from the date of these minutes.

XVII. That the charge of brother Barnes against the Queen Caroline lodge be left to the next quarterly committee, at which time brother Barnes is requested to lay a proper statement before the committee.

XVIII. That the charge against p. g. Isaac Bradshaw stand over until the next quarterly committee, and that he be re-instated in his lodge until the charge be further investigated.

XIX. That a district fund be established in which shall be deposited all district fines &c; each lodge in the Manchester district shall be considered shareholders; the fund to be appropriated to their use by the direction of the g. m.

XX. That this committee recommends to the next annual committee, the propriety of joining in one body the United and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to effect so desirable an object, we earnestly recommend all districts, who have Union lodges in their neighbourhood, to hold out the hand of friendship, and more forcibly put in practice the motto of our order, F. L. & T.

XXI. That this committee approves of the measures adopted by the Manchester officers, on the 6th of Feb. last, relative to opening a

lodge in the town of Leeds; and that all lodges and relieving officers are requested to inform travellers, that at present there is bnt ONE legal lodge in Leeds, which is called the Loyal Mechanic lodge, No. 1 of the Leeds district, held at the house of host Hirst, sign of the Red House, Meadow Lane, and that all lodges in the Manchester district pay one penny per member, towards defraying the expence of opening and assisting the said new lodge.

XXII. That all lodges in connexion be requested to make voluntary subscriptions, to assist the new lodge in Leeds, as they will be expected to pay all travelling reliefs. Contributions will be received by tr. Hodgson, and forwarded instantly to Leeds.

XXIII. That this committee declares its willingness to hold out the hand of friendship to those lodges in the Leeds district, who may have been misled through misrepresentation; but that the Loyal Mechanic lodge be No 1 of the Leeds district--the next lodge that shall be opened, or that shall signify their compliance with the Manchester Unity, shall be called No. 2, and so forth, in rotation; but none of the suspended lodges shall be termed legal, until they have a new dispensation from Manchester, which shall contain the usual covenants binding on all lodges in that Unity.

XXIV. That the thanks of this committee are eminently due, and hereby given, to c. s. Elsom, of the Nottingham district, and p. g. m. Renie, of the Monmouth district, for their friendly and able letters, inserted in No. 8 of the Magazine; that the said letters be recommended to be read and duly considered at lecture, through the respective lodges,

d that brothers Renie and Elsom would confer a benefit on the Order attending at the next annual committee, to assist in the great work improvement.

XXV. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. m. omas Armitt, for the many eminent services rendered the Order, rticularly for his manly conduct during his late tour, and for the ex-llent manner in which he has drawn up and published the same, for e benefit of the I. O.

XXVI. That the thanks of this committee be given to the officers the Order in general, and of the Manchester district, for their uni-m attention to the interests of the Order.

ROBERT NAYLOR, Pr. G. M.
BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

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and Annual Moveable Committee, of the Order in General, held at Manchester, on the 15th, 16th and 17th days of May, 1826.

M. W. ARMITT, President.---P. D. G. M. T. DERBYSHIRE, Vice President.---M. WARDLE, Cor. Sec.

Dv. G. M. WOOD, of Disley, and C. S. ELSOM, of Nottingham, Assistant Secretaries.---B. HODGSON, Treasurer.

Resolved---I. That the 10th resolution of the annual moveable committee, of 1825, be rescinded.

II. That whenever a lodge of the union order signifies a desire to join the Independent Order, every possible facility shall be afforded them by the officers of the district.

III. That the Conciliator lodge, Cheadle, having withdrawn from the Stockport lodges, the money paid by the afore-mentioned lodge into the funeral fund, is considered as sufficient remuneration to the Stokport lodges for opening the Conciliator lodge.

IV. That this committee earnestly recommend to all lodges to appoint no brother to fill the office of n. g. unless he can read tolerably well, nor unless he has attended lectures, so as to be able to answer the fundamental questions of the three first degrees, that he may be entitled to receive the patriarchal degree.

V. That all officers and brothers on taking their situation in the lodge, after election, be provided with a copy of the charges, also that they be perfect in the same, in six weeks from that time, under a fine of 1*s.* for the n. g. p. g. and In. Con. and 6*d.* for the inferior offices — The fines to be repeated every six weeks, and appropriated to the use of the lodge.

VI. That the words, "mirth and harmony" as they occur in the lecture for the white degree, and in the R. S's. charge in opening the lodge, be exp unged, and that the words "spreading the principles of benevolence and charity," be inserted in their stead.

I, Loyal King George the Fourth lodge, No. 2, and the Loyal Benevolent lodge, No. 5, of the said district, be now admitted into Fellowship, with permission to re-open the Eclectic and Good Intent lodges, or either of them, should they hereafter deem it advisable to do so.

XIII. That brothers Gray, Potter and Alcock, of Liverpool, be allowed to join either of the legal lodges in that town, and that their certificates be returned by the Liverpool deputation for that purpose.

XIV. That the Beneficent Duke of Sussex lodge, Liverpool, be suspended until they come into compliance with the Philanthropic lodge, of the same place.

XV. That this committee approves of the proceedings of the Manchester committee, held in Manchester, in November 1815, and that the Abercrombie lodge is now in full compliance with the Manchester unity.

XVI. That the thanks of this committee be given to p. g. m. Smith, of the Wigan district, and p. g. m. Huff, of Liverpool, for their exertions on the above occasion.

XVII. That when a brother has drawn his certificate for the purpose of travelling in search of employment, he shall be considered as belonging to the lodge from whence he drew his certificate, for the space of six months, and should he fall sick or die during that period, the lodge in or nearest to the place where the casualty occurs, shall advance

the sick allowance usually paid in the brother's lodge, or in case of his death, shall pay the expence of interment; such expences to be refunded by the brother's lodge, provided he has not thrown his certificate into another lodge.

XVIII. That any officer or brother, throwing his certificate into any lodge, shall become a full member immediately, on the payment of 1*s* 6*d*.

XIX. That the following lodges in Leeds and the neighbourhood are expelled from all connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.—Cobourgh, Leeds; Platoff, Leeds; Duke of Kent, Woodhouse Moor; Nelson, Wortley; Branding, Hunslet Moor; Collingwood, Pudsey; Victory, Rothwell; Plato, Bramley; Shakespear, Churwell; Alexander, Beeston.

XX. That the laws of the Order be immediately put in force against those lodges which may be proved after this to have given encouragement to any expelled or illegal lodges, by giving reliefs, &c.

XXI. That the next annual moveable committee of the Independent Order, be held at the house of Mr. Parkins, Milton's Head Inn, Nottingham.

XXII. That p. g. m. Thomas Armitt, of Manchester, p. g. m. Smith, of Wigan, G. M. Wood, Disley, c. s. Elsom, Nottingham, g. m. Frith, Haslingden, p. g. m. Abbot, Derby district and p. g. m. Lees, Potteries, be appointed a subcommmitttee, to take into conside-

ration the subject of districts---On their report, it was resolved in committee.

I. That no No. 1 lodge shall claim any lodge to belong their district which is a greater distance than twelve miles from where the No. 1 lodge is held.

II. That all communications be sent to the lodge of which the c. s. is a member, and be directed for that officer, and that all such officers immediately after their appointment to office, do send their address to the c. s. of the Order.

III. That whateyer information the c. s. may receive for his district he shall forward it to the respective lodges immediately, either personally or otherwise, in default of which he shall forfeit 1s., for the second 2s., for the third forfeit any further claim to fill his office.

IV. That the three district officers be elected at the annual committee of each district, by an equal number of votes from each lodge, and each lodge to have an equal number of votes at all district committees. Lodges neglecting to send deputies shall not be fined more than 1s. 6d. such fines to go to the district fund.

V. That all is bound to abide by the decisions of such committees until the ensuing one be held, when if any measure has been adopted inimical to their wishes, they may appeal against it at the ensuing committee by requiring the g. m. to give timely notice to the parties concerned.

VI. Should any dispute arise between separate districts which they cannot mutually settle amongst themselves, they refer it to the judgment of the g m of the Order; should they deem his opinion insufficient, he shall have power to summon both districts to attend the next quarterly committee in Manchester, unless the dispute happens a greater distance than 50 miles from Manchester, when they may be allowed to state their grievances in writing, which shall be laid before the committee, and the decision to be inserted in the minutes, but if such decision be unsatisfactory, they may, by giving lawful notice, appeal to the annual moveable committee, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

VII. That the amount of the five makings, mentioned in the 29th general law as an emolument for opening a new lodge, shall go towards defraying the expences of opening such lodge, but should the distance or any unforeseen events, incur a greater expence than the five makings, a clear and intelligible account shall be made out, which should the new lodge deem extravagant, and contrary to this law, they shall appeal against at the annual moveable committee, the dispensation and requisite stationery, to be charged no more than prime cost to newly opened lodges.

VIII. That all dispensations for newly opened lodges be sent for from Manchester, in order that all such dispensations be alike and proper.

IX. That all lodges now sitting under any other dispensation, than the one of the Order, be requested to furnish themselves with a regular dis-

pensation at their earliest convenience, in order that uniformity and consistency may as much as posible, prevail amongst us.

XXIII. That the Macclesfield and Bollington lodges be allowed to form themselves into a district.

XXIV. That Wolverhampton, Derby, Leominster, Sheffield and Pontefract be considered proper places to hold the annual moveable committee at, in rotation.

XXV. That the c. s. be directed by this committee to answer the letters from London.

XXVI. That the g. m. of the Wakefield district be ordered to apply to n. g. Ripley, for the lecture book, and that the money paid for it be refunded to p. g. Ottey.---On refusing, the Wakefield district to treat the parties according to law.

XXVII. That one copy of the magazine be sent to every lodge in the conexion, with the minutes, and that officers and brothers are requested to peruse the same, at every possible opportunity.

XXVIII. That it be recommended to lodges who may not be provided with the death scenes, additionals &c, that they send their orders to the c. s. of the Independent Order, Prince's Tavern, Tasle-street, Manchester, in preference to giving such orders to strangers.

XXIX. That the proposition for remuneration, from Liverpool,

for law books on hand, cannot now be complied with, there being no available funds for that purpose.

XXX. That the c. s. of every district send to the c. s. of the Order in General, as soon as possible, the name of each lodge in his district, date of dispensation, host's name and where and when held, so that a list of lodges may be printed immediately.---Those lodges that have not sent in the names, ages &c of their brothers are again requested to send them in to the cor. sec. immediately.

XXXI. That this committee order, that the g. m , d. g. m. and c. s. for the Order, be chosen in Manchester, the first committee after the annual moveable committee.

Manchester Annual Committee, held at the Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, June 12, 1826.

Resolved---I. That any lodge making a character contrary to the 7th resolution of the Haslingden annual committee be fined one guinea ---the fine to go to the district fund.

II. That brother Froggart, of the Honest View, Rochdale, continue expelled.

III. That the petition of Richard M'Donald be referred to the

next annual moveable committee, to be held at Nottingham, on Whit Monday, 1827.

IV. That the notice for altering the 31st article of the general laws, from Lewes, be referred to the next annual committee.

V. That the charges against host Whittle, by brother Sumners, be referred to the next annual moveable committee, if not amicably settled in the mean time.

VI. That the Combermere lodge, Stockport, No. 5 of the Manchester unity, be allowed a new dispensation at the expence of the Manchester district.

VII. That the above lodge be allowed, likewise, at the expence of the district, one minute book and one lecture book.

VIII. That host William Williamson, of the Combermere, Stockport, be ordered to hand over to the prov. g. m. the regalia now in his possession, and that this committee guarantee host Williamson from any expence he may be put to on this occasion.

IX. That the following characters shall be suspended from the Independent Order of O. F. for attempting to bring into contempt the grand annual committee and for endeavouring to persuade the brothers of the Combermere and Unity lodges to withdraw from the I. O.---p. g. Holland Parker, p. g. Robert Johnson, p. g. John Brookes, Sec., n. g. George Armistone, p. g. Robert Sims, v. g. John Kenyon, p. g. John Lomas, and brother Thomas Brooks.

X. That the Platoff, Ashton under Line, be permitted to open odge at the house of brother Samuel Turner, sign of the Greyhound, urch-street, on the 15th day of July next, if reasonable objection not shewn, in one month from the date hereof.

XI. That p. d. Derbyshire be appointed g. m. of the Order in geral for the ensuing twelve months.

XII. That p. g. Fry, of the Wellington, Manchester, be appinted d. g. m. of the Order for the ensuing twelve months.

XIII. That p. g. Mark Wardle be continued as c. s. for the Orr in general, for the ensuing twelve months.

XIV. That host Beaumont Hodgson be continued as tr. for the der in general, for the ensuing twelve months.

XV. That prov. d. g. m. Redfern be appointed prov. g. m. of e district for the ensuing twelve months.

XVI. That p. g. Gorbett, of the Abercrombie, Salford, be appinted prov. d. g. m. of the district for the ensuing twelve months.

XVII. That this committee recommend to the printing committe the appointment of a book-keeper, for the purpose of facilitating the ecution of the orders sent to that committee for stationery &c.

XVIII. That p. g. Clarke, of the Hope and Glory, Moses Gate,

be reinstated in his lodge, and that the said lodge is censurable for having improperly suspended p. g. Clarke.

XIX. That the resolution of the Victory lodge, in the case of p. w. Ramsden, be abided by.

XX. That p. w. Ramsden be fined the sum of 7s for bringing a false accusation against the Victory lodge, but that in consequence of the age and infirmities of p. w. Ramsden the fine be mitigated to 6d.

XXI. That in conformity with the 4th resolution of the annual moveable committee, lodges in this district not represented at the quarterly committee be fined 1s 6d instead of 2s 6d as heretofore.

XXII. That one penny per member be collected from each member of the district for the purpose of establishing a district fund.

XXIII. That the fines for non-attendance at committee be forthwith collected, and placed in the funds of the district.

XXIV. The pence, per member, and the fines, to be paid on or before the next quarterly committee.

ROBERT NAYLOR, Prov. G. M.
BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Prov. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

anchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge House, Long Millgate, Sept. 11, 1826.

Resolved---I. That the words " of the I. O. of O. F." be added to e 14th law of the general laws.

II. That the Ancient Abbey, Cock Bridge, having suffered judgent by default, are to pay to the widow of the late brother Ashworth the legal claims she may have upon the lodge.

III. That the Victory lodge, Huddersfield, be suspended for lding correspondence with the Leeds expelled lodges.

IV. That the loyal Cambrian lodge be permitted to open a lodge Morriston, to be called the St. David lodge.

V. That the Hope and Glory lodge, Nailsworth, be allowed to ke the title of No. 1, of the Nailsworth district, if no reasonable obtion be shewn by the Gloster or any other district interested, in one nth from the date hereof.

VI. That the Rose lodge, Heywood, be permitted to open a dge at the house of John Shepherd, the sign of the Masons' Arms, eywood, to be called the loyal Faithful lodge, and to be opened on turday, the 7th of October next, if no reasonable objection be shewn the mean time.

VII. That the royal George, Spindle Point, be allowed to open a

lodge at the house of brother Derbyshire, Gravel Hole, sign of the Bridgewater Arms, Lever, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from the date hereof.

VIII. That the St. George lodge, Waterhead Mill, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of Widow Schofield, Temple Inn, near Waterhead Mill, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from the date hereof.

IX. That the Clarence lodge, Salford, be allowed to open a lodge at the house of brother Reuben Wroe, sign of the Rose and Crown, Chapel-street, Salford, to be called the St. John lodge, if there be no reasonable objection made in one month from the date hereof.

X. That the Appollo lodge, be allowed to remove from the house of host Johnson, Tib-street, to the house of brother George Heyward, the Moulders' Arms, Chorlton-street, Portland-street.

XI. That the Prince Leopold lodge, Dodworth, is censurable for their behaviour towards brother Benjamin Hobson, and that the said Benjamin Hobson be reinstated in his own lodge, or any other lodge in the Barnsley district, and that the Prince Leopold lodge pay the expences of the deputies attending this committee.

XII. That the regalia in the posession of the g. m. which has been obtained from host Williamson by an action at law, be placed in

: Combermere lodge and the expences incurred in the said action paid from the district fund.

XIII. That the Combermere lodge, Stockport, in future, be ld at the house of Matthew Pott, known by the sign of the Church, urch Gate.

XIV. That the treasurer of each lodge in the district, transmit the treasurer of the district, the sum of 6d each member, towards fraying the expences of the lawsuit with Stockport and establishing a trict fund.

BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Prov. G. M.
JAMES GORBUTT, Prov. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

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anchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Manchester Arms, Long Millgate, December 11, 1826.

PRESENT.

THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, G. M.---M. W. FRY, D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Resolved---I. That the 14th resolution of the last quarterly committee be repealed.

II. That the treasurer of each lodge in this district transmit the sum of fourpence per member towards defraying the expences of the lawsuit with Stockport—and that the same be paid on or before the next quarterly committee.

III. That a Dr. and Cr. account be made out, printed and sent to each lodge in the district—the surplus, if any, to remain in the hands of the tr. of the district fund.

IV. That the names of the deputies be called over at nine o'clock in the morning, at two o'oclock in the afternoon, and again immediately before the closing of the committee. Any deputy absent at the last calling to be fined 1s 6d.

V. That the three principal officers shall attend on committee days, at nine o'clock, or be fined 2s 6d each.

VI. That the 8th resolution, in the minute book, page 132, be rescinded.

VII. That the King Charles the Second lodge, Staley Wood, be allowed to remove to the house of brother Thomas Smith, the Hare and Hounds, Dukenfield.

VIII. That the Wellington lodge, Chester, be allowed to open a lodge at Holywell.

IX. That the Needwood Philanthropic lodge, Uttoxeter, be re-

rred to the 35th article of the general laws; for an answer to their enuiry relative to H Scotton.

X. That the 3rd resolution of the committee of the Newcastle nd Pottery district, held September 30, 1826, relative to the conduct the Sandbach lodge, be approved of by this committee.

XI. That the Conciliator lodge, Cheadle, be allowed to remove the house of brother Parkinson, the White Hart, Cheadle.

XII. That the Conciliator lodge, Cheadle, be granted a dispenation immediately.

XIII. That the Cumberland lodge, Manchester, be permitted to old a lodge at the house of brother B. Smith, to be called the Rock Horeb lodge, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month om this date.

XIV. That the Mechanic lodge, Leeds, and the Lily of the Val y lodge, Hunslet, form No. 1 and 2, of the Leeds district.

XV. That there be a subscription recommended throughout the rder in aid of the Rose lodge, Heywood, which has recently been bbed of 157*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* The money to be forwarded to treasurer odgson, Prince's Tavern.

XVI. That the St. John lodge, Salford, abide by the first resolun of the June minutes.

XVII. That the application of the Blucher lodge, Staley Bridge, to open a lodge at the house of John Booth, the Feathers Inn, Dukenfield, cannot be acceded to.

XVIII. That the letter now read, from Dudworth, be referred to the annual moveable committee, if not settled in the mean time among themselves.

Adjourned Committee, held at the Prince's Tavern, Tuesday, December, 1826.

Resolved—I. That the dispute between the St. Thomas and the St. Olave lodges, of the London district, be referred to the annual moveable committee.

II. That the two lodges, the St. Olaves and the St. Thomas, are requested to attend, by deputy, at the next annual moveable committee, in order that the matter in dispute may be then fully and finally arranged.

III. That the application from the St. Thomas for dispensation, cannot, under existing circumstances, be complied with.

IV. That the c. s. be ordered to write an answer to the Gloucester lodge, relative to their objection to the claim of the Nailsworth lodge.

V. That the Queen Charlotte lodge is justifiable in admitting brother Hobson into the lodge, and that he remain a brother thereof until the decision of the annual moveable committee.

VI. That the thanks of this committee be given to the officers of the Manchester district, and of the Order in general, for their uniform attention to the interests of the Order.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge House, Long Millgate, March 12, 1827.

Resolved---I. That the Wellington lodge, Manchester, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Ormond, the Jolly Hatters, Bengal-street, unless reasonable objection be shewn to the contrary in one month from the date hereof.

II. That the sum of five shillings be allowed to the District G.M. the district deputy g. m. and c. s. for their attendance at the quarterly committees.

III. That the sum of four shillings be allowed to the outside guardian for his attendance at quarterly committees.

IV. That the Manchester quarterly minutes be read three successive lodge or lecture nights---and that the lodge neglecting so to do be fined five shillings, the fine to be paid into the district fund.

V. That the following lodges be suspended, until they compl[illegible] with the 2nd resolution of the last December committee---viz. Vittoria[illegible], Ashton---Platoff, Ashton---Improvement, Ashton---Blucher, Stayley[illegible] Bridge---Prince of Wales, Mossley---and King Charles the Second[illegible], Dukenfield.

VI. That the charge against the Nelson lodge, for making a cha[illegible]racter from Newton, lie over until the next committee.

VII. That district g. m. Redfern be invited to attend the annual[illegible] moveable committee and that his expences be paid by the Manchester[illegible] district.

VIII. That the moneys already subscribed for charitable purpose, as recommended by the deputies at the last annual committee, be inserted in these minutes, and also the manner in which the same has been disposed of.

[The sum subscribed by the Manchester and Salford lodges only, together with 2*l.* 17*s.* left by the deputies, amounts to 26*l.*---which has been paid to different charitable institutions in Manchester.---Owing to the distressed state of the district, generally, it has not been thought advisable to call upon them---another and a better opportunity, we hope, will shortly present itself.]

IX. That the propositions now read from the committee of information, be approved of by this committee, and laid before the annual moveable committee.

X. That the receipts and disbursements of the district be printed d laid before the lodges annually.

BENJAMIN AINSWORTH REDFERN, Prov. G. M.
JAMES GORBUTT, Prov. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

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rand Annual Moveable Committee of the Order in General, held at Nottingham, on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of June, 1827.

. M. THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, PRESIDENT.---D. G. M. MOSES WILLIAM FRY, VICE PRESIDENT
G. MARK WARDLE, COR. SEC.---C. S. ELSOM, ASSISTANT SEC.

Resolved---I. That the minutes of the Manchester district committees, during the last twelve months, now be confirmed.

II. That if any brother belonging a funeral fund, has occasion to aw his certificate to travel, he shall be allowed to join the funeral nd of any other lodge or district, free from any further charge than nat is specified in the 17*th* and 18*th* resolution of the last annual oveable committee.

III. That the Youth's Triumphant lodge, Ossett, pay to brother homas Armitage, the sum of 5*l.* due to him from that lodge, for the neral of his wife.

IV. That lodges be allowed to make characters above the age of nineteen years, if the son of an Odd Fellow, if otherwise, not under the age of twenty, but neither to draw their certificate, or take any of their degrees until they have arrived at the age of twenty-one.

V. That the illegitimate and step-sons of an Odd Fellow, be admitted members of the Independent Order, on the same conditions as the son of an Odd Fellow, who is born in wedlock.

VI. That the application from Lewes, respecting altering the 31st general laws, cannot be acceded to.

VII. That host Whittle be considered, by this committee, as highly censurable, for this improper conduct towards brother Somers of the Hill's Glory lodge, Manchester.

VIII. That the St. Peter's Victory lodge, Hanley, be considered perfectly justifiable, and that brother John Mellor be expelled the Independent Order.

IX. This committee refers the Hope lodge, Gloucester, to the first resolution of the sub-committee, as inserted in the last minutes of the annual moveable committee, held in Manchester, which resolution they discern no reason to alter.

X. That the dispensation under which the Hope lodge, Gloucester, now sits, is irregular, and that they be allowed (on application) a new dispensation, free of expence.

XI. That the words grand lodge, be no longer used in any dis-
nsation.

XII. That the Hope and Glory lodge, Nailsworth, be allowed to
rm themselves into a district, and be considered No 1 of the same.

XIII. That brother Hobson, having suffered judgment, by de-
ult, is highly censurable for his non-attendance at this committee,
d that the Barnsley district pursue such measures towards brother
obson, as they may deem most discreet.

XIV. That brother Hallam, of the Lily of the Valley, Leicester,
permitted to pay up his arrears to that lodge, and draw his certifi-
te, and join any other lodge that may think proper, to accept
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XV. That in consequence of his gross misconduct at this com-
ittee (particularly towards the Leicester deputies) the above resolu-
ns be rescinded, and brother Hallam expelled the Independent
rder.

XVI. That the travelling pass word be divided between the re-
ving officer and the traveller, and that that officer begin by syllables.
lieving officers and n. g's. are requested to attend to the 11th article
the Haslingden annual committee.

XVII. That brother Forsbury's excellent letter from Leicester, for
ualizing the travelling reliefs, and expences of deputies attending an-

nual committees, be generally approved, but that the plan is at present impracticable, until further information be obtained, and that it be left for consideration, until the next annual committee.

XVIII. That the misunderstanding between the London officers, and the host and secretary of the Wellington, Manchester, be referred for themselves to settle by arbitration.

XIX. That the La Belle Alliance, Dudley, be considered justifiable, in their removal from host Shaw's, and that the seceding parties have three months from the date hereof, to comply with the removal, otherwise after that period, they will be considered expelled the Independent Order.

XX. That the St. Thomas lodge, London, be permitted to open a lodge at Hertford, to be called the Good Intent, No 1, of the Hertford district.

XXI. That the next annual moveable committee, be held at the house of host Shipman, Swan, High-street, Dudley, Worcestershire, on Whit-Monday, 1828, at nine o'clock in the morning.

XXII. That this committee recommend to the Good Samaritan lodge, Worcester, to transmit to the St. Olaves lodge, London, the particulars as required by them by letter, bearing date, Oct. 23, 1826, respecting a person of the name of John Mellow, together with what monies the said Good Samaritan lodge may have received on their ac-

count, and that they be more cautious in future, how they admit characters, without a regular certificate.

XXIII. That no lodge be allowed to pass a bye law, declaring that the funds shall be shut up against brothers in distress, but that the power be left with the officers and brothers for the time being.

XXIV. That the application from the Lord Dudley and Ward lodge, Dudley, for leave to lower the price of making, cannot be acceded to.

XXV. That the alteration in the lecture book, proposed by John Forsbury, of Leicester, be adopted when the next edition of the lecture book goes to press.

XXVI. That the resolutions of the said committee be now confirmed and put in execution.

XXVII. That this committee consider a vote of thanks eminently due and is hereby given to the following deputies who composed the sub-committee, viz g m Chalk, of the London district, p. g. m. Abbott, Ripley, Derby district, g. m. Harlow, Pottery and Newcastle district, p. g. Whiteley, of Bury, p. g. Greenwood, Oldham, p. g. Yates, Marple Bridge, g. m. Ross, Leicester, n. g. White, Manchester, p. g. Hatton, Dudley district, g. m. Haigh, Huddersfield district, and c. s. Elsom, Nottingham district.

XXVIII. Thatthis committee seriously sympathise with c. s. War-

dle, on account of the loss he is sustaining, through having nearly 5000 unsold numbers of the Magazine now in his possession, they therefore earnestly recommend each lodge, in the unity, to enter immediately into a voluntary subscription, for the purpose of rendering him some compensation.

XXIX. That each lodge in the Order, wanting No. 1, of the Magazine, send in as soon as possible, the quantity they may want, in order that the c. s. may if he thinks proper re-publish the same, for the purpose of selling those he now has on hand; any lodge having No. 1 and 2 on hand, are requested to send how many they have in number to the c. s. and he will exchange them for other numbers they may require, within the space of three months from the date hereof.

XXX. That the new lectures introduced by g. sire Wildey, and decided by the sub-committee for adoption, be hereby confirmed.

XXXI. That the thanks of this committee are eminently due and hereby given to g. m. Derbyshire, d. g. m. Fry, c. s. Wardle, and treasurer Hodgson, for their intrepid and upright conduct towards the Order in genral.

XXXII. That this committee recommend the board of directors of the general fund, to augment the c. s's. salary, to the sum of 40*l*., if their finances will possibly admit of the same.

XXXIII. That the thanks of this committee are considered emi-

nently due and hereby given to the officers and brothers of the Nottingham district, for their attention towards the deputies composing this committee.

Sub Committee---Appointed to investigate the election of n. g. of the Mount Gilead lodge, Nottingham, are unanimously of opinion, that the present elective n. g. is legally appointed for that situation, at the same time we earnestly recommend the officers and brothers of Nottingham, to act with due caution, in cases of election, as from the evidence produced before us, there appears a great neglect on the part of the secretary, in misinforming the g. m. on the former night of election; also a very great error does prevail among the *officers* of the *district* in point of their duty. Trusting that in declaring the present n. g. duly elected, we do not exonerate him from blame, and hope that unity will prevail in the district, and that the laws might not be infringed.---The first election being declared null and void by the district officers, and this committee respectfully recommends the officers and brothers to think on past v. g. Wilson at some future election.

Adjourned Sub Committee---*Resolved*---I. That the second resolution of the sub-committee with respect to the Industry and Abercrombie lodges, of the Mansfield district, be rescinded.

That the Abercrombie lodge, Kirby, pay the amount due to the printing committee, within the space of three months, or be refused any further communications.

Adjourned Sub Committee---That all lodges in arrears to the

printing committee are required to pay the same in two months from the present time, and that they receive no communication until they comply, and all future orders shall be paid for on or before delivery.

SUB COMMITTEE---G. m. Chalk, PRESIDENT. *Resolved*---I. That the firm and directors continue in office for twelve months, provided that they discharge their duty satisfactorily, when at the expiration of that time they shall be re-chosen, or fresh ones appointed in lieu of those who may retire from office; should any breach of trust occur, on the part of any of the firm, directors or treasurer, the Manchester district committee (on the party or parties being impeached,) shall have power to dismiss the individual, and take such measures as they may deem most expedient to bring him to justice for his breach of duty.

II. That the g. m. of each district in conjunction with his deputy, and the c. s., have power to receive the subscription pence, from every lodge in their respective districts, which they shall immediately remit to the general treasurer; the first remittance must be made on or before the 20*th* of August, 1827, each district to adopt the most expedient methods of enabling their district officers to punctually effect the proper remittance from each lodge, in their district; any lodge neglecting, or refusing to remit their subscription pence to this fund, shall be refused all communications relative to the Independent Order, until they comply.

III. That a fund be established, to be denominated the fund of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that the said fund be raised by every Odd Fellow, throughout the Unity, subscribing 1*d*. per quar-

ter, towards it, and that every lodge transmit the same for its respective members, annually; the parcels containing such monies to be directed for the treasurer of the fund, but that he have no power to open the same, until the directors and firm, before spoken of, be assembled. To enable the treasurer to discern what the parcel pertains to, the name of the lodge from where it is sent, be placed beneath the direction, and one year's money to be paid in advance, and continued until further notice.—*Rescinded.*

IV. That the present treasurer, Hodgson, be treasurer of the said fund, and that five of the most intrepid and opulent individuals in Manchester be appointed on the Manchester quarterly committee, as a firm, who shall place all monies received as above, in the bank, to their credit, but not allowed to sign any checque for drawing out the same, until they have got the sanction (on the nights appointed to assemble) of the directors, who shall consist of fifteen individuals in the Manchester district, chosen as above, when five shall be a quorum, with power to act.

V. That the said firm and directors assemble weekly, when the c. s. shall explain along with the treasurer, what stationery they have sent off during the previous week, and what money they have received, and from where; when the sum amounts to 20*l*, it shall be placed in the bank along with the subscription pence of the Order, a greater sum than 10*l* shall not be allowed to remain in the treasurer's hands.

VI. That the firm and directors have power to draw money for no purpose but that of purchasing goods, to supply the Order with, and to discharge the respective officers' salaries, which shall be paid

quarterly; the directors shall issue printed circulars, after every quarterly meeting to every lodge, stating the monies received, from where, and also an account of all monies expended, and what for, together with the sum which the fund amounts to.

VII. That the overplus of the fund be applied to benevolent purposes, which may be hereafter determined upon, but no other tribunal to have power to appropriate it to such purposes, except the grand annual moveable committee.

VIII. That the board of directors issue a Magazine to the order quarterly, at 6d. per No., to consist of no other matter than disquisitions relative to the order, the expence of its management to be paid out of the general fund, and receipts and disbursements published as above.

SUB-COMMITTEE, June 6th. Resolved, that the Covenant, Remembrance, and the degree for p. g's. be adopted, and that all degrees be printed in a size corresponding with the American Lecture Book, except the past grands' degree, which shall be printed pocket size for the use of p. g's.---that the colour for the Remembrance lecture be green, the p. g. purple.

Manchester Annual Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge House, June 11, 1827.

Resolved---I. That the Rose lodge, Heywood, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Jacob Gee, the Bird in Hand, Birtle-Cum-Bamford, on Saturday the 7th of July next, to be called the Loyal Rose Bud, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

II. That the Britannia lodge, Cawthorn, Barnsley district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Bywaters, of Silkstone, the Red Lion Inn, to be called the Welcome Friend---and also another lodge, at the house of brother Richard Roberts, the New Inn, Kilmouthby, to be called the Weavers' Glory, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from the date hereof.

III. That the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, is justifiable in making a person from Whitworth.

IV. That the Vittoria, Platoff, Blucher and Improvement lodges, of Ashton under Line, having complied with the laws of the Order, are now in full connection.

V. That the Duke of York lodge, Preston, No. 1, St. George lodge, Moons Mill, No. 2, and the Keppel lodge, Church Town, No. 3, be permitted to form a district, to be called the Preston district.

VI. That the Honest View lodge, Rochdale, be recommended

to stop at the present lodge house, till the next committee, by which time it is hoped they will settle their present differences amicably.

VII That the petition of Betty Howarth, claiming a sum from the Rose lodge, Heywood, lie over until the next quarterly committee, hoping the business will be amicably settled in the mean time.

VIII. That the Clarence lodge, Salford, refund to the St. John's lodge, the sum of 1*l* 1*s*, paid by them for making a brother illegally.

IX. That the Honest Endeavour, Bollington, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of host Cunliffe, the Royal Oak, Dean Bridge, Cheshire, to be called the Loyal Evening Star, on the 23rd June, 1827, if no reasonable objection be made in the mean time.

X. That brother John Holt, of the England's Glory lodge, Middleton, draw his clearance from that lodge, and be permitted to join any lodge in the Manchester district, that may please to accept him, on paying the sum of 1*l*. 1*s*.

XI. That the Imperial Unity lodge, Gorton, pay up all claims made on them by the Manchester funeral fund.

XII. That v. g. Gulliford, of the Apollo lodge, Manchester, be appointed Law Agent to the Independent Order, residence, Ridgfield, Manchester.

XIII. That the King George the Fourth lodge, Newton Heath,

be fined 7*s*. for not attending to bring forward their charge against the Nelson lodge, Manchester---the fine to go to the district fund.

XIV. That the petition of James Platt, of the Aboukir, Ashton, cannot be attended to.

XV. That Solomon Barlow, of the Faithful lodge, Heywood, be re-admitted, on paying the week's pay to the lodge, which he took without giving regular notice to the lodge.

XVI. That the following parties form a board of directors, and that deputies from the country be allowed a remuneration from the lodges they represent:

P. d. g. m. Adkin, Cumberland---n. g. Gray, Apollo---p. g. c. s. Taylor, Oldham---n. g. Ainsworth, Turton---p. g. Scholfield, Mossley---p. g. Boardman, Devonshire---p. g. m. Derbyshire---g. m. Hewgill---n. g. White---p. g. Hampton---n. g. Healey---g. m. Redfern, Nelson---p. g. m. Wm. Armitt---p. g. Robert Wilde, Ashton---p. g. Whitehead, Rochdale---p. g. Carter, Saddleworth---d. g. m. Gorbutt---d. g. m. Ashhurst---p. g. Barnett---p. g. m. Thomas Armitt.

XVII. That pr. g. m. Redfern, be appointed g. m. of the order in general, for the ensuing twelve months.

XVIII. That d. pr. g. m. Gorbutt, be appointed d. g. m. of the order, for the ensuing twelve months.

XIX. That p g Mark Wardle be continued c s of the order in general, for the ensuing twelve months.

XX. That host Beaumont Hodgson, be continued as treasurer for the order in general, for for the ensuing twelve months.

XXI. That p g Hewgill, of the Industry, Droylsden, be appointed prov g m of the district, for the ensuing twelve months.

XXII. That p g Ashhurst, be appointed prov d g m of the district, for the ensuing twelve months.

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITIONS

Were sent from the Committee of Information, to the Annual Committee, at Nottingham, and unanimously adopted by that Committee.

Duty of the G M of the Order.---That he preside at all meetings and lodges where he may be in attendance. All disputes in the order in general (if not settled amicably between the parties, where they may have occurred) to be under the cognizance of this officer, whose summonses shall be attended to, and whose decision (in conjunction with the past and present officers he may call in to his assistance) shall be considered binding and conclusive.

II. That the g m of the order be present (either personally or by

deputy) at the Manchester quarterly committees; that he sign his name to all dispensations and see they are drawn up in a proper manner.

III. Should the g. m. or the d. g. m. of the Order, be called to any distance, his reasonable expences shall be paid by the district or lodge requiring his attendance.

IV. Should it be inconvenient for the g. m. of the Order or his deputy, to attend when called upon, the above resolution to be equally binding in favour of any officer or brother he or they may appoint.

V. *Duty of the d. g. m. of the Order.*---To act in conjunction with the g. m., to officiate for him during his absence, and that he act as vice only at the annual committees, or at a committee of the Order, called together at the request of the g. m.

VI. That the n. g. of a lodge be not allowed to stand his poll as a deputy to the annual moveable committee so long as there is a qualified p. g. in the lodge willing to attend the same.

VII. That the system of collecting visiting pence be discontinued.

VIII. If a brother be in arrears, his own lodge shall be allowed, if they think proper, to re-admit him, by paying 1*l* 1*s*, if of good character and under the age prescribed by our general laws; and, by

bringing a character from the lodge he belonged to, he may be admitted into any other lodge should his own refuse him.

B. A. REDFERN, PROV. G. M.
JAMES GORBUTT, PR. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge, September 10, 1827.

Resolved---I. That the Nelson lodge, Manchester, be considered justifiable in their late removal from host Little's, they having the previous sanction of the g. m. of the Order, and the prov. g. m. of the district, and in future they be allowed to hold their lodge at the King's Head, Market Place, Manchester, and that the grand committee, for this district, in future, be held at the above named house, on the second Monday in December, March, June and September, at nine in the morning.

II. That the England's Glory, Middleton, be permitted to open a lodge at the Waggon and Horses, Rhodes, near Middleton, to be called the Favourable Design, and to be opened on the 17th of September, 1827.

III. That the Devonshire lodge, be permitted to open a lodge, at the house of Mr. James Mercer, the Golden Eagle Inn, Swarbrick-

street, London Road, Manchester, to be called the loyal Shakspear lodge, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from the date hereof.

IV. That the Royal Sovereign lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Tetlow, the Plough Inn, Copy Nook, near Oldham, to be known by the name of the Loyal Free Tradesman, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from the date hereof.

V. That the Rock of Horeb lodge, be permitted to hold their lodge on Tuesday nights, same as the Wellington, instead of Thursday as heretofore.

VI. That the question on the legality or illegality of the dispensation of the Wellington lodge, Manchester, be taken into consideration next quarterly committee.

VII. That the Honest View lodge, Rochdale, be permitted to remove to the house of brother Strothert, the Woodman, High-street, Rochdale, if the lodge think proper.

VIII. That the Good Samaritan lodge, Marple Bridge, be No. 1, of that district, and that the Rose of Sharon, New Mills, and the Prince of Peace, Disley, form No. 2 and 3 of the same district, on their complying with the resolutions of the Manchester quarterly and Nottingham committees.

IX. That the sash and apron, brought from Worcester, by p. g. Dawson, be collected from the Manchester and Salford relief fund, and forwarded to Worcester with these minutes.

X. That p. w. Taylor's claim upon the England's Glory, Middleton, of three weeks' sick money, be forthwith paid him, and that he be allowed in future, the same benefits as other members.

XI. That the claim of Widow Howarth, upon the Rose lodge, Heywood, for two weeks' sick money, due to her late husband, be immediately paid by the said lodge.

XII. That the Earl de Wilton lodge, be permitted to withdraw from the Irwell lodge, on the conditions agreed to at a committee of past grands, held at Whitefield, Aug. 27, 1827.

XIII. That the Irwell lodge, Ratcliffe Bridge, pay the legal penalty of *5l*, agreeably to the 14th resolution of the annual committee, held at Huddersfield, May 25, 1825, for making a character over the age of 45.

XIV. That p. g. Ball, of the Earl of Oxford lodge, Manchester, be considered highly censurable for his conduct and abusive language towards d. g. m. Ashhurst, while acting in his official capacity, and that p. g. Ball be fined the sum of 5*s* for questioning the decision of the last grand committee, and endeavouring to bring the same into contempt---the fine to be paid into the district fund, before he be allowed to enter his own, or any other lodge of the I. O.

XV. That the Youth's Triumphant lodge, Osset, be suspended until they comply with the 3rd resolution of the last annual committee, and that brother Armitage be allowed to enter any other lodge of the I. O.

XVI. That the sum due to the district fund now in the hands of tr. Hodgson, remain in his hands till next quarter, with interest for the same, and that the sum which now lies on the table, be deposited in the g. m. of the district's hands.

XVII. That the Harmony lodge, Knaresbro', be allowed to open a lodge at Addington, to be called the St. Michael, if no reasonable objection be shewn in one month from this date.

XVIII. That g. m. Redfern have a medal granted by the quarterly committee, for his past services as pr. g. m.

JOHN HEWGILL, Prov. G. M.
JOHN ASHHURST, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge, December 10, 1827.

Resolved---I. That the St. Peter's Glory lodge, Leigh, be permit-

ted to open a lodge at Newchurch, to be called the Farmers' Glory, on the 1st of January, 1828.

II. That the application from the Clothiers' lodge, Junction, to open a lodge at Dobcross, be taken into consideration at the next quarterly committee.

III. That the Abercrombie lodge, Salford, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Lowe, the sign of Admiral Haddock, Parsonage, Manchester, to be called the Social Design, in one month from the date hereof, if no reasonable objection be made in the mean time.

IV. That the Harmony lodge, Knaresbro', be permitted to open a lodge at the house of John Bender, sign of the Black Bull, Kettlesing Head, to be called the loyal Knaresbro' Foresters' lodge, if no reasonable objection be shewn.

V. That the Milton lodge, Whitworth, and the Albion lodge, Smallbridge, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Robert Butterworth, the Trap Inn, Wardlefold, on the 8th day of January, 1828, to be called the St. James lodge.

VI. That the Pilot lodge, Chorley, be permitted to open a lodge at brother Pilkington's, to be called the Loyal Ridgmount lodge, No. 4, of the Chorley district, on the 1st of January, 1828, if reasonable objection be not shewn in the mean time.

VII. That the Norfolk lodge, Thornbury, and the Hope and Glory lodge, Nailsworth, be permitted to open a lodge, at brother Townsend's, the Sugar Loaf Tavern, in St. Nichols'-street, Bristol.

VIII. That the Hope and Glory lodge, Nailsworth, be permitted to open a lodge at Stonehouse, in the county of Gloucester, at brother James Sparrow's, the Globe Inn, to be called the Noah's Ark, No. 3, of the Nailsworth district.

IX. That the decision of the committee of past grands, of Oldham, in the case of brother Mills, be confirmed.

X. That the moneys now in the hand of prov. g. m. Hewgill and tr. Hodgson, be paid over to this committee.

XI. That the sum of 20*l*, belonging to the district, be placed in the bank of Messrs Heywood, in the name of the prov. g. m. and d. prov. g. m. for the time being.

XII. That host Heyward, of the Apollo, Manchester, be appointed treasurer for the district.

XIII. That the dispensation of the Wellington lodge, be declared legal.

XIV. That a vote of censure be passed on the Rose lodge, Heywood, for the trouble and expence they have put Widow Howarth to,

and that they pay the said Widow Howarth 10*s*, towards her expences attending this committee.

XV. That the Aboukir, Ashton, is justifiable in making the two characters from Hooley Hill.

XVI. That this committee recommend that voluntary subscriptions be entered into by every lodge in the connection, for three successive lodge nights, and that the proceeds be forthwith forwarded to the Board Room, Manchester, for the purpose of relieving the Duke of Lancaster lodge, St. Helen's, who are still labouring under difficulties, in consequence of the late trial between the St. Helen's lodge and a sick club in that neighbourhood.

XVII. That the case between the wife of brother Diggles, and the Honest View lodge, Rochdale, stand over to the next committee, and that the said lodge cause brother Diggles to be visited in the mean time.

XVIII. That p. g. Adam Mort, of Oldham, be permitted to throw his card into any lodge he may please to join.

XIX. That brother John Connel be permitted to join the Sincerity lodge, Royton, on complying with the regulations of the said lodge.

XX. That the thanks of this committee be given to prov. g m Hewgill, for his manly conduct in his office.

XXI. That the thanks of this committee be given to prov d. g. m. Ashhurst, for his conduct during the last quarter.

XXII. That past prov. g. m. Naylor, be appointed one of the board of directors, in the place of p. g. Ainsworth, of the Social lodge, Turton.

XXIII. That past grand Kenyon, of the England's Glory, Middleton, be appointed one of the board of directors, in the place of p. g. Schofield, of Mossley.

XXIV. That p. g. Harrop, of the Platoff, Ashton, be appointed one of the board of directors, in the place of p. g. Wild, of Ashton.

XXV. That p. g. Spur, of the Mechanic, Manchester, be appointed one of the board of directors, in the place of p. g. Hampden, of the Abercrombie, Manchester.

XXVI. That p. g. Hollingworth, of the Good Shepherd, Hatherlow, be appointed one of the board of directors, in the place of p. g. Whitehead, of Rochdale.

JOHN HEWGILL, Prov. G. M.
JOHN ASHHURST, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Nelson Lodge, House, March 8, 1828.

Resolved---I. That the Duke of York lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Samuel Marler, Higginshaw lane, in one month from the date hereof, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

II. That the Nelson Ball lodge, Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Whittaker, Grapes Inn, in one month from the date hereof, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

III. That the Providence lodge, Sholver Moor, near Oldham, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother James Gartside, known by the sign of the Black Horse, Water Sheddings, near Oldham, in one month from the date hereof, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

IV. That the Nelson lodge, Manchester, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Brownsworth, the sign of Paul Pry, Long Millgate, Manchester, on Easter Monday next, to be called the Mount Gilead lodge, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

V. That the Wellington lodge, Manchester, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother M'Laughlin, the Windmill Tavern,

Windmill-street, in one month from the date hereof, unless reasonable objection be shewn in the mean time.

VI. That the application from the Duke of Bridgewater lodge, to open a lodge at the Windmill Inn, stand over until the next quarterly committee.

VII. That the Social lodge, Turton, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Thomas Greenhalgh, the Volunteer, in Turnton, to be called the Hand and Heart, on Easter Monday next, if reasonable objection be not shewn in the mean time.

VIII. That the Fox lodge, Bolton, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Robert Edge, the Globe Inn, Turton, to be called the Humphrey Cheetham lodge, on Easter Monday next, if reasonable objection be not shewn in the mean time.

IX. That the benevolent lodge, Gee Cross, be permitted to open a lodge, at the house of brother Charles Walker, the Bowling Green Inn, Denton, to be called the North Star, on Easter Monday next, if reasonable objection be not shewn in the mean time.

X. That the Hope and Glory lodge, Moses-gate, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Betty Atkin, the Swan Inn, Worsley Stocks, to be called the Bridgewater Glory, on Monday the 17th March, 1828.

XI. That the Combermere lodge, Stockport, be permitted to

remove from their present house, to the Vernon Arms, Vernon-street.

XII. That the Shepherd's lodge, Derby in Rushworth, be permitted to remove to the house of brother William Warhirst, the Nudger Inn, Dob Cross.

XIII. That p. g. m. Smith, of the Wigan district, be considered a legal member of the Duke of Norfolk lodge, and that he was justly entitled to the money he has received, on account of the death of his wife, from the funeral fund.

XIV. That Henry Seddon, formerly belonging to the Waterloo lodge, Salford, be allowed to rejoin the said lodge, on such terms as may be agreed to by the lodge.

XV. That brother Grindrod, of the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, join that lodge on payment of his arrears, and that he be then entitled to draw his clearance, and join any lodge in the Order.

XVI. That the case of secretary Parker, late of the Fox lodge, Bolton, lie over until the next quarterly committee.

XVII. That the dispute between the Milton lodge, Whitworth, and the Albion lodge, Small Bridge, cannot be entered into by this committee.---The parties are recommended to settle the matter amicably, among themselves.

XVIII. That the Faithful lodge, Heywood, refund the sum of one guinea to the Rose lodge, Heywood.

XIX. That the Faithful lodge, Heywood, be fined one guinea for violating the eighth resolution of the sub-committee of the annual moveable committee, held at Nottingham, 1827---The fine to go to the district fund.

XX. That lodges in the neighbourhood of the undermentioned places are henceforth allowed, being within the limits of this district, (twelve miles round Manchester Exchange) and where there are three or more lodges, to form themselves into circuits, for the more speedily settling their own disputes. Two intelligent men are to be chosen, to act as president and vice-president, who shall hold the title of subordinate g. m. and d. g. m. of this circuit. Their names to be inserted in the June minutes, at which committee they shall attend, either personally or by deputy, and take the oath of allegiance. This shall be called the circuit law--and if at any time any of the circuits act contrary to our laws and customs, this law shall be suspended (as far as regards the offending parties) for any limited time not exceeding twelve months, by a warrant issued by the prov. g. m. of the Manchester district. List of the circuits:---Ashton under-Lyne.---Bolton---Middleton.---Oldham.---Saddleworth.---Rochdale.

XXI. That the Co-operative lodge, Brighton, be expelled from all communication and correspondence with the Independent Order; and that the loyal Brunswick lodge, of the same place, be allowed to initiate any of the brothers of the late Co-operative, on such terms as

the Brunswsck may think proper, providing they have not been leaders in those transactions which led the to lodge deviate from the laws of the Order.

XXII. That p. g. Wood, of the Queen Caroline lodge, Harpurhey, vacate the office of n. g. be deprived of all honours, pay a fine of ten shillings and sixpence, and never allowed to hold any office in any lodge of the Independent Order.

XXIII. That the subject of the district fund be taken into consideration at the next quarterly committee.

XXIV. That the 12th resolution of the June committee, for 1827 be rescinded.

XXV. That prov. g. m. Hewgill be appointed to the next annual moveable committee, to be held at Dudley, on Whit Monday next—his expences to be borne by the Manchester district.

JOHN HEWGILL, PROV. G. M.
JOHN ASHHURST, PR. D. G. M.
MARK WARDLE, C. S.

Grand Annual Moveable Committee of the Order in General, held at Dudley, on the 26th, 27th and 28th days of May, 1828.

B. A. REDFERN, PRESIDENT.—WM. ARMITT, VICE PRESIDENT; MARK WARDLE, C. S.
JOHN RENIE, P. G. M. MONMOUTH, ASSISTANT SEC.

Resolved---I. That the last part of the clause of the 13th Resolution of the Manchester quarterly committee, March, 1828, be confirmed.

II. That the Duke of Norfolk lodge, Wigan, allow p. g. m. Smith his certificate, that he be permitted to join any lodge in the district, that may think proper to accept him.

III. That the Constitution lodge, Warrington, be allowed to take the title of No. 1, of the Warrington district, upon its applying for a new dispensation.

IV. That the remaining resolutions of the Manchester quarterly committees, be confirmed.

V. That this committee cannot interfere with the case introduced by p. g. m. Stringer, of the Wolverhampton district.

VI. That the following officers form a sub committee, for the purpose of examining the books of the board of directors, and reporting upon the same---c. s. Portlock, Gloster, p. g. Parson, Leeds, c. s. Pecket,

Sheffield, p. g. m. Renie, Monmouth, c. s. Dudley, Dudley, p. g. m. Gunsall, Wakefield, n. g. Higginson, Warrington.

VII. That the Constitution lodge, Warrington, or any other lodges or persons, give up all illegal papers or writings, written by p. g. Smith, or any other officer or brother, belonging to the Independent Order.

VIII. That any person writing or copying any part of the lecture book or secrets of the Order be fined one guinea---the fine to go to the general fund.

IX. That p. g. m. Ellis be reinstated in the La Belle Alliance lodge.

X. That the Philanthropic lodge, Fazely, be allowed to be the head of a district.

XI. That the Nailsworth lodge was not justifiable in writing the letter of the 19th instant, now read at this committee, and in not coming forward to substantiate the insinuations therein contained, against the Hope lodge, Gloster.

XII. That p g. m. James Mansall be allowed to join any lodge he may think proper as an honorary member, free of any expence for his admission and be allowed to visit such lodges as he may desire.

XIII. That the following amendment be made to the second re-

solution of the Haslingden Committee. That one of the oldest past officers from every district present at the annual moveable committee be appointed to act as moderators, who shall sit in a room apart from the grand committee room, and who shall examine into the nature of all business coming before such committee, and if any thing appears to them frivilous or vexatious, or brought there with an intent to destroy unity, or sow the seeds of discord amongst brethren, (they being satisfied of the bad results likely to ensue from such propositions) shall have a power to quash or make void such injurious proposition.

XIV. That for the future, charges for initiations be as follow :--- under 40, 1*l* 1*s*; above 40 and under 41, 1*l* 13*s*; above 41 and under 42, 2*l* 8*s*; above 42 and under 43, 3*l* 4*s*; above 43 and under 44, 4*l* 2*s*; above 44, and under 45, 5*l* 5*s*; and that no person be initiated above that age under the penalty of five pounds to the district fund; and also that persons above that age, be considered honorary members having no claim on the funds of the Order.

XV. That the minute book be printed same size as the present, up to this committee inclusive, and sold to lodges only.

XVI. That the application from the Clarence lodge, Salford, cannot be acceded to.

XVII. That the 15th resolution of the Nottingham annual committee be rescinded and the 14th resolution of the said committee be acted upon.

XVIII. That in consequence of the letters received from America and now read, this committee recommend the English officers and brothers to conform, as much as possible, to the government under which they live and endeavour to amend rather than desert the standard of the Order.—It is hoped, also, that the American officers and brothers will see the necessity of granting many of those particulars which our English brothers deem essential; and that the c. s. be instructed to write to g. m. Wildey to this effect.

XIX. That the sums received for the St. Helen's lodge, Wigan district, on account of their law suit, and the sums received by c. s. Wardle on account of the loss sustained by him in publishing the first series of the magazine, be inserted in the next minutes.

XX. That the thanks of this committee are justly due to the Board of Directors for their past services.

XXI. The sub committee for auditing the accounts made their report, by their chairman, p. g. m. Renie:—

XXII. That the accounts of receipts and expenditures of the Board of Directors appear to be correct and that the Board of Directors are deserving the confidence and support of the Order—and, that an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Board, agreeably to the annexed plan, shall be published quarterly and transmitted to the various lodges with the quarterly minutes, and that the account for the last year be sent with the June minutes.

XXIII. That the c. s. of every district, shall, within three months from this date, transmit to the Board of Directors, an accurate list of every subscribing member, up to the 27th of this month, and that the contribution of fourpence per member, ordered to be paid at the Nottingham annual committee be considered a fee for registrating of such members, and that the c. s. of each district shall half-yearly transmit an account of every member initiated, for the future, together with *1s.* each for the registering fee of every new member, and that each lodge, neglecting to make a correct return, shall for each offence forfeit one guinea to the general fund of the Order.

XXIV. That the third resolution of the Nottingham sub committee be rescinded.

XXV. That the proposition sent in for the abolition of the offices of g. m., d. g. m. and c. s. cannot be entertained by this committee, but that those officers, in future, act in strict conjunction with the Board of Directors.

XXVI. That the Abercrombie lodge although the oldest lodge in the unity, must still retain their present No. 20.

XXVII. That the case of brother Armitage, late of the Wakefield and now of the Manchester district, be recommended to the serious and humane consideration of the above districts.

XXVIII. That any lodge making a character on the Sabbath day, pay a fine of five guineas, if the lodge offending belongs to a district,

such fine to go to the district fund, if not in a district to the general fund of the Order.

XXIX. That the Wakefield district do pay over to the Leeds district, the sum of three pounds ten shillings.

XXX. That c. s. Wardle be the printer of the Order for the ensuing twelve months.

XXXI. That the lecture book be printed by c. s. Wardle, under the direction of the g. m. and Board of Directors.

XXXII. That the signs and pass words for district officers, now introduced by g. m. Redfern be adopted, and that any officer attempting at imposition, by assuming a false letter to obtain possession of such sign, shall be expelled the Order on proof thereof.

XXXIII. That any member of our institution who shall, by imposition, fraud and false pretences, obtain goods or property, of any officer or brother, such member shall not be allowed his certificate or any relief, untill he has made recompence for the same.

XXXIV. That when a new lodge is opened, any officer or brother of the district, may be allowed to become a candidate and stand his poll to serve any office in such new lodge, and may either draw their certificate, or remain a member of their own lodge, during the time they are fulfilling such office; and in case there be no candidates t

all the elective offices, that present and past officers, with notice from the g. m., be obligated to attend in rotation, or be fined according to the general laws.

XXXV. That the plan for equalising travelling reliefs, brought before this committee, by p. g. Weston of Leicester, be sent by him to the Board of Directors, in a more detailed form, and that they be at liberty to adopt it.

XXXVI. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the g. m. and c. s. of the Order, for their attention to the business of this committee---To the Landlord for his attention to the comforts of the deligates---and to the delegates from various parts of the kingdom for their attention.

Manchester Annual Committee, held at the Wilton Arms, Mayes-street, June 9, 1828.

Resolved---I. That all lodges opened from and after this time, within twelve miles of the Manchester Exchange, shall be opened in the name of the lodges in the district, or of the grand quarterly committee, and the party or parties, who intend to apply for leave to open such new lodge, shall make such intended application known to the neighbouring lodges in writing, at least one lodge or lecture night previous to the grand committee, in order that the deputies may be prepared to say whether a new lodge would injure them, and if it be so

proved to the satisfaction of the committee, that the objection is a sufficient one, then such lodge shall not be opened, but should it otherwise appear to such committee that no lodge will be injured by the opening of the new lodge, then the dispensation shall be granted, and no opposition shall afterwards be allowed; the dispensations shall be dated from the day the grant is given, and be numbered as they pass in rotation, by this means there will be no boasting of being a mother lodge, and all lodges in the neighbourhood will be prepared to send their opinion by their deputy, the name of the lodge and the house and place shall be stated in the minutes; they who apply for the dispensation shall give the lodge a name, unless there be another of the same name in the district, in which case it shall be named by the committee, and there shall not be two lodges of one name in the district.

II. That this committee confirm the expulsion of p. g. Parker, late of the Fox lodge, Bolton.

III. That the Waterloo lodge, Salford, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Lomas, King's Arms, Charlestown, Pendleton, to be called the Loyal Mercury lodge, in one month from the date hereof.

IV. That the Benevolent lodge, Hyde, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Mays, Norfolk Arms Inn, Hyde, to be called the Prince of Waterloo, on the 21st inst.

V. That the Fox lodge, Bolton, be permitted to open a lodge at

the house of widow Norris, known by the sign of the Black Bull, Bradshaw Gate, Bolton, on the 7th of July next, to called the Welcome Traveller.

VI. That the Earl of Bradford lodge, Bolton, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Robert Roberts, known by the sign of the Golden Lion, Churchgate, Bolton, on the 23rd inst. to be called the Hand of Charity.

VII. That the Refuge lodge, Mottram, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr Matthew Brocklehurst, known by the sign of the Grey Mare, in Charlesworth, Derbyshire, on the 31st inst, to be called the Rising Sun.

VIII. That the 22nd resolution of the Huddersfield committee be considered sufficient, and that the three principal officers of a lodge sit 13 lodge nights, exclusive of lecture nights.

IX. That the lecture book, now produced by the deputy from the Earl of Bradford lodge, Bolton, be forthwith destroyed.

X. That the 5s paid by the Earl of Bradford, for the said book, be paid them from the district fund, and that the said lodge deserve the thanks of this committee.

XI. That no present or past grand m: or d. g. master be allowed to stand poll for re-election, so long as one or more competent past officers are willing to serve the office of g. m. or d. g. m.

XII. That the Board of Directors send out with the minutes quarterly a list of such articles as they have on sale, with the price, and that all lodges be requested to purchase what they may want of the same, or in default thereof, on proof being made, the minutes and other communications to be withheld from them, until the next annual moveable committee.

XIII. That any lodge in this district acting contrary to the 14th resolution of the Nottingham committee, be fined one guinea---the fine to go to the district fund.

XIV. That c. s. Wardle be presented with a medal, at the expence of the Manchester district, for his past valuable services, and that such medal be provided under the direction of the p. g. m. and g. m. of this district.

XV. That the North Star lodge be allowed to remain at the Bowling Green Inn, Denton, in conformity with the 9th resolution of the last quarterly committee.

XVI. That no lodge be allowed to remove without the sanction of the officers of the district or circuit, or the quarterly committee. Any lodge removing without such approval, to be subject to a fine of 5*l*, to be paid to the district fund.

XVII. That the Minerva lodge, Greenacre Moor; Platoff, Ashton; Vittoria, Ashton; Constitution, Cockey Moor; St. George, Waterhead Mill; King Charles 2nd, Dukenfield; Royal George,

Spindle Point ; Blucher, Staley Bridge ; National Arms, Delph ; and Friendship, Upper Mills ; furnish themselves with legal dispensations forthwith.

XVIII. That the Irwell lodge, Ratcliffe Bridge, pay their fine of 5*l*, imposed at the September committee, 1827, 13th resolution, on or before the next quarterly committee, or be considered suspended.

XIX. That the Rose lodge, Heywood, be recommended to admit Abram Maynock, on such terms as the parties may agree to.

XX. That p. c. s. Wardle be appointed g. m. of the Order, for the ensuing twelve months.

XXI. That p. g. Barnett, of the Cumberland, be appointed d. g. m. of the Order, for the ensuing twelve months.

XXII. That p. prov. d. g. m. Ashhurst, of the Nelson, be appointed prov. g. m. for the ensuing twelve months.

XXIII. That p. g. White, of the Wellington, be appointed prov. d. g. m for the ensuing twelve months.

XXIV. That tr. Heyward be continued tr. of the district for the ensuing twelve months.

XXV. That the following officers form the Board of Directors :—G. m. Wardle ; d. g. m. Barnett ; p. g. Wm. Armitt; p. g. m. Thomas

Armitt; p. g. m. Redfern; p. d. g. m. Adkin; prov. g. m. Ashhurst; d. prov. g. m. White; p. prov. g. m. Naylor; c. s. Taylor, Oldham; p. g. Grey; p. g. Boardman; p. g. Carter, Saddleworth; p. g. Kenyon, Middleton; p. g. Harrop, Ashton; p. g. Hollinsworth, Hatherlow; p. g. Smith, Staley Bridge; p. g. Haslam, Bolton; p. g. Grenville; p. g. Gunson, Oldham.

Grand Quarterly Committee, held at the Wilton Arms, Manchester, Sept. 8, 1828.

Resolved---I. That the Ashton circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Fielding, sign of the Brown Cow, Ashton, to be called the Characteristic lodge, to be opened on Monday the 13th of October next.

II. That the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mrs. Moreton, sign of the Windmill, Newtown, Pendlebury, to be called the Good Intent lodge, to be opened on the 6th of October next.

III. That the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Sellers, sign of the Crooked Billet, in Bury, to be called the Lord Cochrane lodge, and to be opened on Saturday, the 4th October next.

IV. That the Ashton circuit, of the Manchester district, be per-

mitted to open a lodge at the house of widow Goddard, sign of the Elephant and Castle, Ashton under Line, to be called the Widow's Relief lodge, and to be opened on the 13th October next.

V. That the Ashton circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Nield, the Spread Eagle Inn, Ashton, to be called the Exorable lodge, and to be opened on the 15th October next.

VI. That the Ashton circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Thomas Smith, sign of the Seven Stars, Hurst Brookes, to be called the Exortation lodge, and to be opened on the 15th October next.

VII. That the Ashton circuit of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Booth, the Feathers Inn, Dukenfield, to be called the Foundation Stone of Truth, and to be opened on the 22nd of Sept. instant.

VIII. That the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Thomas Cross Brown, King's Arms, Clarendon-street, Oxford Road, to be called the Phœnix lodge, and to be opened on Wednesday, the 8th day of October next.

IX. That a medal be presented to p. prov. g. m. Hewgill, for his valuable services to the Manchester district.

X. That brother John Hayes, lately expelled from the Aber-

crombie lodge, Manchester, be immediately reinstated in the said lodge.

XI. That brother Armitage, of the St. George lodge, Waterhead Mill, be allowed the sum of 7*l.* 4*s.*, from the Manchester district, in compliance with the 27th resolution of the annual moveable committee, held at Dudley.

XII. That Benjamin Cooper, a carder, of the Victory, Manchester, (now a resident of Rainow, near Macclesfield) be expelled the Order.

XIII. That brother Roughly, of the Clarence, remain suspended until the next quarterly committee.

XIV. That the Victory lodge, Manchester, are deserving of censure for their inattention to the Macclesfield circuit, in the case of the late brother Cooper.

XV. That the sum of five pounds be given to the Irwell lodge, Ratcliffe Bridge, from the Manchester district fund.

XVI. That a sub-committee be appointed to examine the books of the district fund, and that the following officers retire for that purpose:---P. g. Price, Aboukir, Ashton; p. g. Dyche, Earl of Oxford, Manchester; p. g. Hill, Irwell, Ratcliffe Bridge; p. g. Taylor, Oldham; p. g. Haslam, Bolton.

XVII. That the written lecture book and other papers and documents, produced by p. g. Williamson, of the Consti ution lodge, Warrington, be immediately burnt, and that the said lodge deserves the thanks of this committee.

XVIII. That p. g. Myers be allowed 5s. for making up the district books.

XIX. That c. s. Thomas Armitt, be appointed book-keeper to the Manchester district fund.

XX. That a sub-committee be chosen quarterly from the officers of the committee, for the examination of the books of the Manchester district.

XXI. That the thanks of this committee are eminently due to the district g. m. and deputy for their active and vuluable services during the last quarter.

JOHN ASHHURST, Prov. G. M.
J. R. WHITE, Prov. D. G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, C. S.

Manchester Quarterly Committee, held at the Wilton Arms, Mayes-street, Dec. 8, 1828.

Resolved---I. That the Combermere, Stockport, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Samuel Bardsley, the Britton's Protection, on Christmas day next, to be called the Queen Elizabeth.

II. That the Rose of Sharon, New Mills, be permitted to open a lodge on Shrove Tuesday next, at the house of brother Joseph Gould, sign of Soldier Dick, Furness, to be called the Foundation Stone of Truth.

III. That the Oldham circuit of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge, on the 5th of January, 1829, at the house of brother Joseph Fielding, the Bull's Head Inn, Bottom of Moor, Oldham, to be called the Loyal College lodge.

IV. That the Oldham circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge on the 2nd of January, 1829, at the house of brother Jonathan Wood, the Odd Fellows' Arms, Oldham, to be called the Loyal Hospitable lodge.

V. That the Rochdale circuit of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge on new year's day next, at the house of p. g. John Evans, the Bowling Green Inn, Rochdale, to be called the Star of Providence.

VI. That the Ashton circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge on the 2nd of January, 1829, at the house of brother Samuel Turner, the sign of the Badger, Ashton, to be called the Travellers' Home.

VII. That the Prince of Wales lodge, Mossley, be permitted to open a lodge on the 2nd of January, 1829, at the house of brother James Greaves, the White Hart Inn, Mossley, to be called the Loyal Road to Virtue lodge.

VIII. That the Oldham circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge on Shrove Tuesday next, at the house of brother Samuel Lively, sign of the Blue Ball, Alderroot, to be called the Sir William Horton lodge.

IX. That the Oldham circuit, of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge on the 2nd of January, 1829, at the house of brother Joseph Slater, the Commercial Inn, Lees Place, near Oldham, to be called the Loyal Palladium lodge.

X. That the National Arms lodge, Delph, be permitted to open a lodge, on the 5th of January, 1829, at the house of Mrs. Blackburn, the sign of the Bull's Head, Delph, to be called the Orphans' Rest.

XI. That the Marple district be permitted to open a lodge, on the 1st of January next, at the house of Henry Wild, the Navigation Inn, Marple, to be called the Star of Bethlehem.

XII. That n. g. Fernly, of the Rose lodge, Heywood, mistook the law, and was to blame in writing the travelling pass word.

XIII. That the following lodges be permitted to form a circuit, viz.:—Royal George, Spindle Point; Bridgewater's Glory, Worsley Stocks, and the Good Intent, near Pendleton.

XIV. That each n. g. on delivering a certificate and travelling pass word, give the brother receiving the same strict caution not to apply for reliefs to any but the lodges of the Independent Order.

XV. That James Cropper be not allowed to join any lodge in the Independent Order, without the consent and sanction of the Collingwood lodge, Bury.

XVI. That brother Samuel Brierly, be allowed to join any lodge in the Rochdale circuit, that may think fit to admit him.

XVII. That brother Yates, of the Clarence lodge, Salford, be re-instated in the said lodge, and that brother Gemmel stand suspended until the next quarterly committee.

XVIII. That the Devonshire lodge pay brother Fernly the sum of ten pounds for the funeral of his late wife and that he be reinstated in his lodge; the funeral fund committee is recommended to take the case of the Devonshire lodge into their consideration.

XIX. That any lodge having admitted a brother of the name

of Edward Baskerville, a miner, with a card from Liverpool, be requested immediately to give information to the Board of Directors, as he has left a wife and three children totally destitute, and who must have perished but for the kindness of a few officers here. It is supposed that he is in the neighbourhood of Dudley.

XX. That brother Hall, late of the Devonshire lodge, Salford, be expelled the Order.

XXI. That the following lodges be permitted to form themselves into a circuit, to be called the Bury circuit, viz.: Collinwood, Bury, Irwell, Ratcliffe, Virtue, Tottington, Earl de Wilton, Whitefield, and Lord Cochrane, Bury.

XXII. That p. g. Dyche, of the Earl of Oxford, be appointed secretary and book-keeper to the Manchester district.

XXIII. That the expulsion of brother Roughly, of the Clarence, Salford, be confirmed by this committee.

XXIV. That the St. Martin lodge, Tunstall, have acted illegally in expelling p. g. Lee and refusing to obey the summons of the g. m. and that the said St. Martin lodge stand suspended until the next annual moveable committee.

XXV. That p. g. Lee, be permitted to visit any lodge in the Unity, and join any lodge that may please to accept him.

XXVI. That a subscription of one penny per member, in all the lodges of this district, be paid on or before the next quarterly committee, and that the n. g. of the respective lodges see the same forwarded to the Board Room, directed for John Ashhurst, g. m. of Manchester district.

XXVII. That brother Ralph Wood, late of the Clarence lodge, be reinstated, if it be the wish of that lodge.

JOHN ASHHURST, PROV. G. M.
J. R. WHITE, PROV. D. G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, C. S.

Quarterly Committee, held at the Wilton Arms, Manchester, March 9, 1829.

Resolved---I. That the Oldham circuit of the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Nield, the Coach and Horses, Shaw Chapel, on Easter Tuesday next, to be called the Welcome Return.

II. That the Manchester district, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother Joseph Timperly, the King's Arms, George's Road, Manchester, to be called the Rock of Hope.

III. That the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge

at the house of brother Newland, the Ship Inn, Shudehill, Manchester on Easter Monday next, to be called the Rose of Sharon.

IV. That the Benevolent lodge, Hyde, be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Flemming, the Shoulder of Mutton, Newton Moor, on the 28th inst. to be called the Offspring of the Benevolent.

V. That the Bolton circuit of the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge at the house of brother John Brabin, the Jolly Crofters, Brinks' Brow, Little Bolton, on Easter Monday next, to be called the Prospect.

VI. That the Bolton circuit of the Manchester district be permitted to open a lodge at the house of Mr. Thomas Smith, the Nob Inn, Little Lever, to be called the General Woolfe.

VII. That William Grindrod, of the Briton's Pride lodge, Rochdale, be allowed until the next annual moveable committee to redeem his clearance which now lies in the board room, or suffer expulsion.

VIII. That this committee confirm the opening of the Humanity lodge, Eccles.

IX. That the lodges in the Wigan district, are bound to join the Duke of Lancaster lodge, St. Helens, in liquidation of the debt contracted in consequence of their law suit.

X. That the Rising Sun lodge, Charlesworth, be fined the sum

of one pound for granting a card to a brother of the lodge, contrary to the general laws

XI. That the Conciliator lodge, Cheadle, be fined one pound for granting a card to a brother of the lodge, contrary to the general laws,

XII. That the Lily of the Valley lodge, Gravel Hole, be fined one pound for granting a card to a brother of the lodge, contrary to the general law.

XIII. That p. g. m. Thomas Gunson be paid five shillings for his expences to this committee, for attending to prove the charge against the Lily of the Valley lodge.

XIV. That the St. Peter's Glory lodge, Leigh, be allowed 3s. 4d. being the sum overcharged respecting the Stockport law suit.

XV. That the arrangements of the various districts be taken into consideration at the next annual moveable committee.

XVI. That brother Taylor, of the Star of Providence lodge, Rochdale, was legally admitted an honorary member of the said lodge.

XVII. That this committee confirm the resolutions of the committee, held at host Evans', Rochdale, on the 22nd ult. and that the other charges are considered frivolous and vexatious.

XVIII. That the expences of the deputies from Rochdale, who have attended in consequence of summonses from the prov. g. m. be allowed them from the Rochdale circuit.

XIX. That the expulsion of p. g. Loyde, of the Duke of Bridgewater lodge, be confirmed by this committee.

XX. That p. s. Potts, of the Shakespeare lodge, be re-admitted to the said lodge.

XXI. That the proposition for rescinding the 7th resolution of the September committee, 1818---and the 13th resolution of the June committee 1823, be referred to the next annual committee.

XXII. That prov. g. m. Ashhurst attend the next annual moveable committee, at the expence of the Manchester district.

JOHN ASHHURST, PROV. G. M.
J. R. WHITE, PROV. D. G. M.
THOMAS ARMITT, C. S.

Grand Annual Moveable Committee, held at Sheffield, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th June, 1829.

Resolved---I. That the 11th resolution of the Manchester annual committee, 1828, be confirmed.

II. That the part of the 4th resolution of the Nottingham annual moveable committee, respecting taking degrees, and the 13th resolution of the Manchester annual committee, 1828, be repealed.

III. That the 16th resolution of the Manchester annual committee, 1828, be confirmed.

IV. That a caution to travellers be printed on the certificates not to apply for reliefs to any but the lodges of the M. U. of the I. O. of O. F.

V. That the sum of 7*l.* 4*s.* paid to brother Armitage, by the Manchester district, be repaid them from the general fund.

VI. That the St. Martin lodge, Tunstal, receive a reprimand from the g. m. for not obeying his summons, and be re-admitted into the Order.

VII. That the Invincible of the Peak, Baslow, be allowed to form themselves into a district, if no reasonable objection be made in one month from the date hereof.

VIII. That all the lodges of the I. O. be formed into districts, upon a plan hereafter to be proposed by the Board of Directors, and submitted to the consideration of the next annual moveable committee.

IX. That the Saddleworth lodges be allowed to form themselves into a district.

X. That the 18th resolution of the Manchester March committee, 1828, be rescinded, and that the expences of the deputies from Rochdale, who attended that committee in consequence of summonses from the g. m. of the district, be paid them by the Milton lodge.

XI. That this committee confirm the expulsion of Moses Bannister, late of the Prince of Peace lodge, Nottingham.

XII. That brother James Hawkes, of the King George the Fourth lodge, Derby, be re-instated in his lodge, and that he receives a week's sick money from the said lodge, and likewise 10s towards his expences, attending this committee.

XIII. That the King George the Fourth lodge, Derby, pay to the father of the late brother Daw, the balance of his funeral money.

XIV. This committee are of opinion, that p. g. Daniel Hill, had no intention to defraud the La Belle Alliance lodge, Dudley, as he was to receive no pay for his work; therefore this committee particularly requests that he be reinstated in his lodge.

XV. That the following persons form a sub-committee, for the purpose of examining the books of the Board of Directors; p. g. Parson, Leeds; p. g. Higginson, Warrington; g. m. Thomas Bradgate, Liverpool district; c. s. Powles, London, g. m. Brown, Burnly, c. s. Kay, Sheffield district; p. g. m. Duckworth, Haslingden district, and c. s. Bamford, Huddersfield district.

XVI. That brother Cropper, late of the Collingwood lodge, Bury, be again admitted a member of the said lodge, by paying according to the 14th resolution of the Dudley annual moveable committee, if they think proper to accept him, if they do not choose to accept him, that he be allowed to join any other lodge, who may think proper to accept him, according to the same law.

XVII. That the Nelson lodge, Barnsley, be fined one guinea for making a character under age, and that the said lodge, fine the proposer according to the 51st general law, and that the expences of the deputies from the Princess Charlotte lodge be paid from the fines.

XVIII. That the Barnsley district be fined one guinea, for making a law, contrary to the general laws, and that the fine go to the general fund of the Order.

XIX. That this committee confirm the expulsion of br. Thomas Hale, late of the Devonshire lodge, Manchester.

XX. That c. s. Rose, of the Leicester district, be re-instated in his lodge, and that all arrears of sick money be paid him immediately.

XXI. That the case of brother Strickland be referred to the London district, to be settled, and if not amicably settled, to be referred to the next annual moveable committee.

XXII. That the Philanthropic lodge, Hull, be fined five pound,

according to the 25th resolution of the Huslingden committee, for making a brother for a less sum than 11 1s.

XXIII. That p. g. m. Iredale is censurable for withholding the correspondence of the Hull district.

XXIV. That the expulsion of c. s. Wilde and a number of brothers, by the Hull district, is illegal.

XXV. That p. g. m. Iredale and the Philanthropic lodge, c. s. Wilde and the Victory lodge, Hull, are censurable, for breaking the agreement made betwixt the said lodges.

XXVI. That p. g. m. Iredale of the Hull district, be deprived of the honour of p. g. m. for breaking the 4th and 5th resolutions of the sub-committee, of the annual moveable committee held at Manchester.

XXVII. That p. g. m. Iredale be not allowed to stand his poll for any district office for two years from this date, for having caused the expulsion of c. s. Wilde illegally.

XXVIII. That the Hull district is highly censurable, for demanding the amount of five makings from the Wellington lodge, contrary to the 7th resolution of the Manchester annual moveable committee.

XXIX. That the Victory lodge, No. 3 of the Hull district, be

re-instated in the M. U., and no character from the said lodge be allowed to join any other, without paying his arrears and drawing his card or clearance.

XXX. That the thanks of this committee are eminently due, and hereby given, to the sub-committee for their patient investigation of the accounts of the Order, and their able report thereon.

XXXI. That d. g. m. Green's circular respecting the orphan school be entirely done away with.

XXXII. That a copy of the balance sheet be printed and sent round to all the lodges in the unity, with the minutes.

XXXIII. That the Hopeful lodge, of the Haslingden district, pay the 30s claimed by the district, for the expence of the deputies who opened their lodge.

XXXIV. That every district or circuit be allowed to fix the amount of travelling reliefs for their own district or circuit, in such way and mode as to themselves may appear most advisable, the amount to be equalized between the lodges in each district or circuit, according to the number of their members.

XXXV. That no brother be entitled to the travelling donations, until he has been initiated twelve months, and that no card be granted to any brother, unless he make application on a lodge or lecture night, or to a committee called for the purpose, such committee not to be

called if the lodge or lecture night be within one week from the time of the application.

XXXVI. That as an amendment to the 15th resolution, of the Huddersfield annual moveable committee, the g. m. of each district (if the lodge is not in a district the n. g.) in the unity, shall up to the 1st of May, make a return of each lodge in their district, stating where held, and what number of members they contain; any lodge or district neglecting to send their returns, on or before the 10th of May in each year, shall be fined one guinea, these returns to be printed, and a copy sent to each lodge in the unity with the minutes, and charged cost price.

XXXVII. That the following persons form a sub-committee, for the purpose of deciding any business brought before them---g. m. Ashhurst, Manchester, g. m. Spencer, Sheffield, g. m. Barker, Todmorden, g. m. Schofield, Oldham, g. m. Greenfield, Pontefract, g. m. Cooke, Hull, g. m. Platt, Saddleworth, p. g. m. Bowcroft, Horsforth, p. g. m. Shepherd, Wakefield, d. g. m. Riley, Haslingden, g. m. Weston, Leicester, g. m. Norton, Leeds, g m. Brown, Burnley, and p. g. Bamford; Huddersfield.

XXXVIII. That the Wakefield district pay to the Leeds district the balance of 16*s.* 6*d.*, within two months from this date.

XXXIX. That the Loyal City lodge, Bristol, be No. 1 of the Bristol district.

XL. That when brothers have drawn their certificates, or have been suspended for non payment of arrears for the space of twelve months, it shall be optional with his lodge whether he shall again be admitted or not.

XLI. That no officer or member belonging the I. O., be allowed to vote in any lodge, except where he is a subscribing member, nor any brother be allowed to vote the night he throws in his card or clearance to any lodge.

XLII. That the 32nd general law be rescinded, and that lodges be allowed to make what bye laws they may think proper, in respect to attending funerals.

XLIII. That the seventh resolution of the September committee, 1818, and the 13th resolution of the June committee be rescinded.

XLIV. That the Board of Directors be empowered to take the opinion of counsel, on the case of Noah Clarke, of the Cumberland lodge and a sick box, if they find it necessary.

XLV. That the Board of Directors purchase a copying machine for the use of the Order.

XLVI. That the Lecture book and all other books, regalia and property of the late St. George's lodge, Bamber Bridge, be immediately forwarded to the Board of Directors and that they give the

value of them to brother John Greenwood, late of that lodge, and that the Board take his case into their consideration.

XLVII. That the p. g's. dispensations for Manchester, Oldham and Bolton, do not receive the sanction of this committee.

XLVIII. That the thanks of this committee are due, and hereby given, to the g. m., d. g. m., and c. s., for their upright and impartial conduct in office.

Proceedings of the sub-committee, called on purpose for the decision of such things as shall be brought before them.

Resolved---I. That there be not any alteration in the lecture book in the p. g's. charge.

II. That no officer of any lodge be allowed to take the lecture book out of his lodge, without the consent of the lodge, under the fine or penalty of 10s. 6d. to the district fund.

III. That the provincial grand master of the Horsforth district, be directed to write to the Albion lodge, Small Bridge, and the St. James's lodge, Wardlefold, with respect to the conduct of certain brothers, who behaved indecently when on travel.

IV. That every brother shall pay his arrears, with fines of all

descriptions every third lodge night, unless he resides at a greater distance than ten miles from his lodge house, in which case he shall be allowed five lodge nights to pay them; but, if he neglects giving satisfaction for the space of one month, after being legally summoned, he shall be suspended from all donations, and not be allowed a travelling certificate until he has been a paying member for six months, the same as a new initiated member.

V. That persons above the age of forty-five, be allowed to join our order, by paying the sum of 1*l* 1*s*. as honorary members.

VI. That all subscriptions for travellers be put on the card, the same as in a travelling relief.

VII. That the song "Brothers attentive stand," be sung previous to the grand master's charge, in initiations.

VIII. That the Heroes Glory, Horbury, and the Lily of the Valley, Dewsbury, tender the money illegally obtained to the Wakefield funeral fund committee, which shall be convened on or before the last Monday in June, 1829.

IX. That the two lodges have acted fraudulently in obtaining the money from the Wakefield funeral fund, and that the Lily of the Valley be fined 15s. and censured by this committee, for not attending to the summons of the grand master of the order; the fine to go to their district fund.

X. That the Beneficient Duke of Sussex lodge, Liverpool, be expelled.

Sub-committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Board of Directors, 9th June, 1829.

P. g. Wm. Parson, chairman; p. g. John Higginson, vice chairman; prov. g. m. George Bradgate, Secretary; p. g. & c. s. James Kay; prov. g. m. David Brown; p. g. m. John Duckworth; p. g. Joshua Bamford; c. s. Stephen Powles.

Resolved---I. That having audited the accounts as submitted to inspection, this committee reports that they appear correct, and that the officers of the Order and Board of Directors, are entitled to the thanks of the Unity.

II. That this committee recommend that the list of lodges be printed separate from the harmonia, be charged as low as possible, and contain general instructions for travelling brothers.

III. That the accounts of cash received for the general fund, be kept entirely distinct and separate from the accounts of goods sold.

IV. That the directors insert notice in the magazine and quarterly minutes, that they are willing to contract for such goods as they may from time to time require, for the use of the Order. Brothers

willing to furnish the Board, to send in tenders with the lowest estimate, on or before the day or days specified in such notice.

V. That a book for registering the names, ages, trades &c. of brothers be prepared forthwith, agreeably to the 23rd resolution of the Dudley committee, that the names be arranged alphabetically upon the plan now submitted herewith for consideration, and also that they be registered as they are sent in, under the name of their respective lodges, a separate account being kept for each lodge in the Unity.

VI. That the c. s. of the Order be requested to be careful in entering all monies coming from lodges immediately on receipt thereof.

VII. That all discounts allowed to the Board of Directors, for their purchases, be stated on the bills of parcels or receipts, and that when no discount is allowed the words net amount paid, be written thereon.

VIII. That for the future the sub-committees for examining the accounts of the Board of Directors be formed immediately after opening the annual moveable committee, when the delegates then present shall be called upon to settle the accounts of their respective lodges.

IX. That in compliance with the wishes of the Earl of Oxford lodge, Manchester, this committee having taken into consideration

the cost and selling prices of stationary and other goods, furnished by the Board of Directors, are of opinion that no reduction can be made in the prices of any of the articles, with the following exceptions; letter paper charged at 2s. they recommend to be reduced to 1s. 6d. and that four pages or more of additional matter be added to the magazine, without any increase in price.

X. That if any alteration in figures or receipts, or in accounts, should be necessary, that the some be made in words at full length, no erasures or blotting out on any account to be allowed.

G. M. WARDLE, PRESIDENT.
D. G. M. BARNETT, VICE PRESIDENT.
C. S. ARMITT, SEC.
P. G. PEYTON, ASSISTANT SEC.

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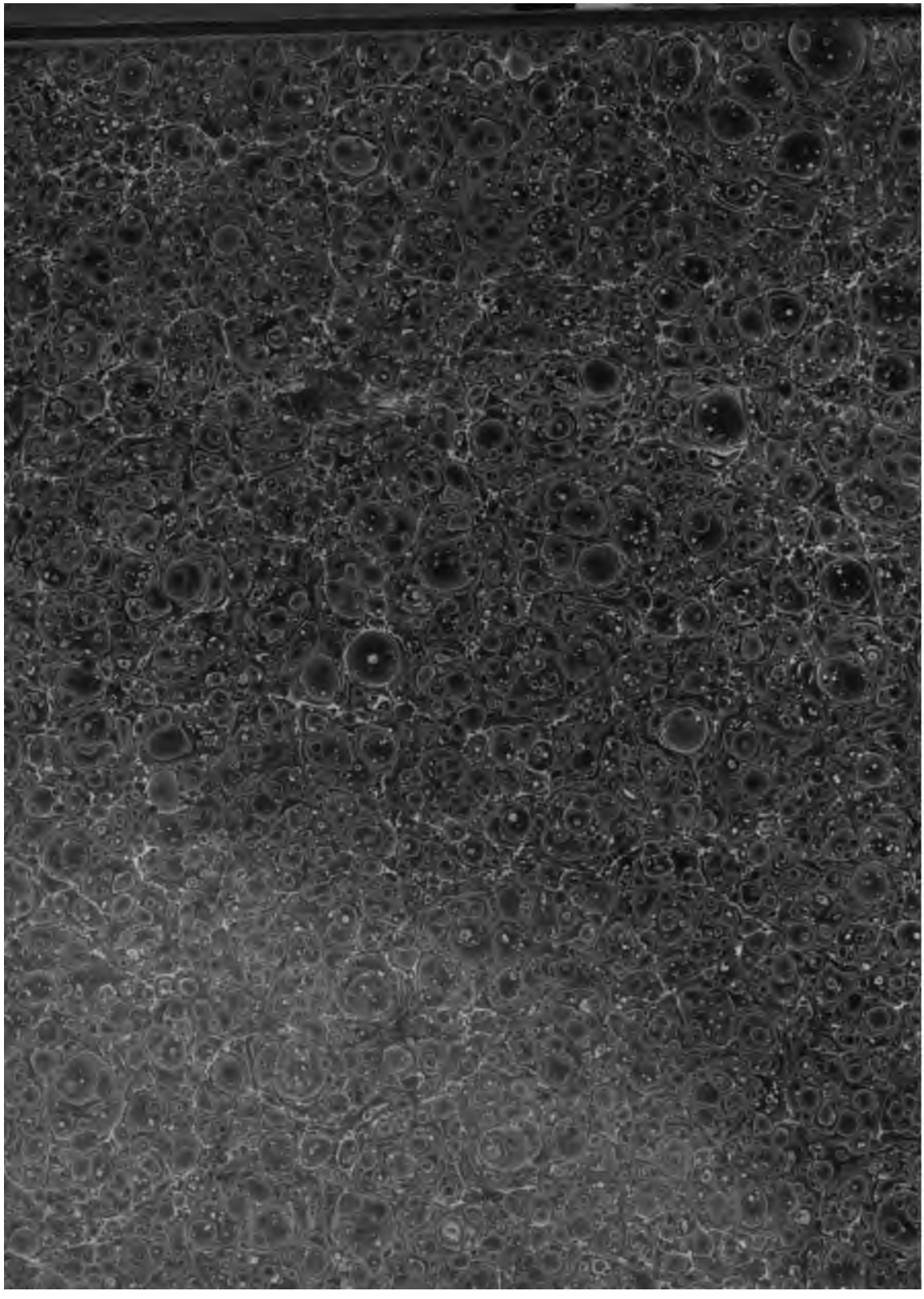

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